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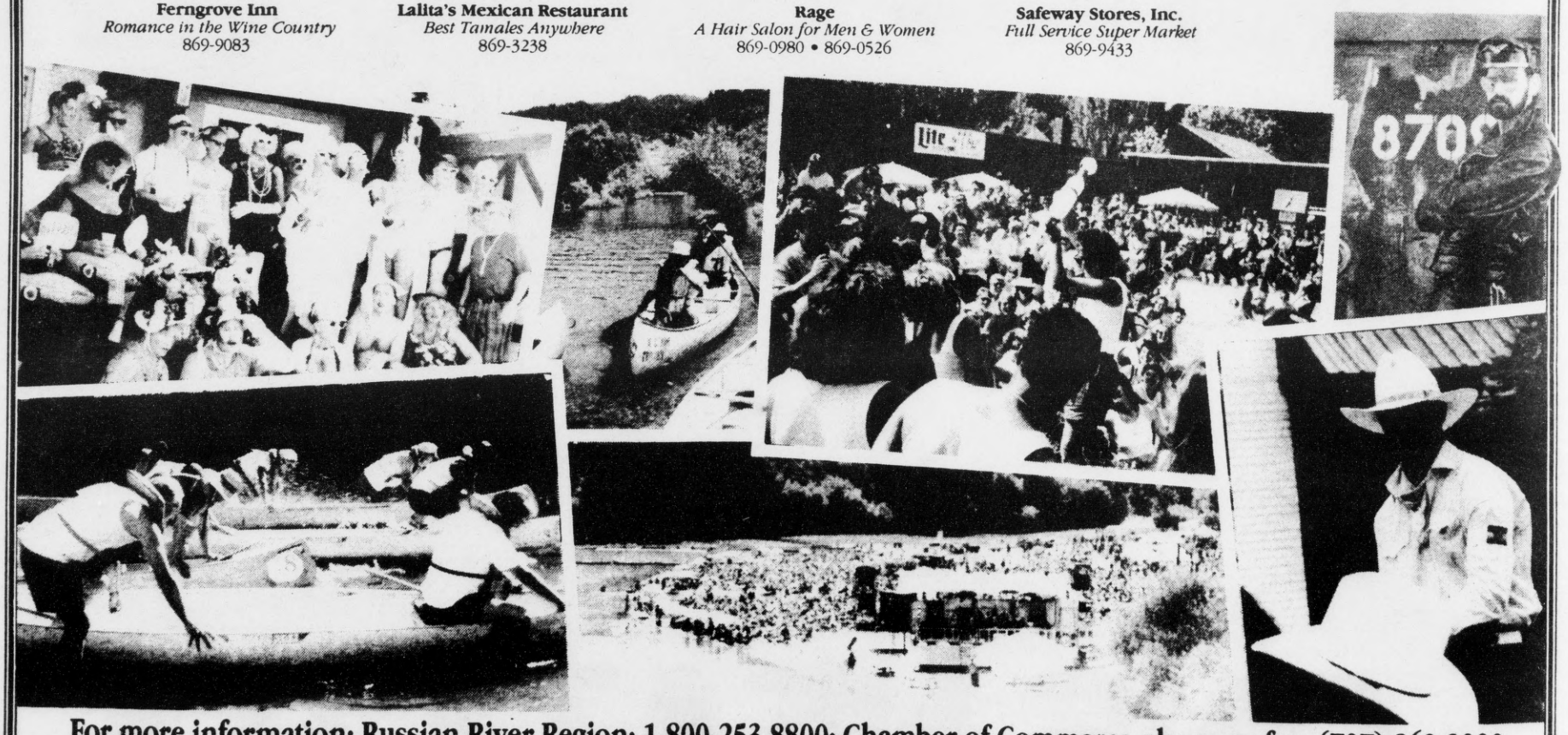

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Never Forget

Having been present for every Pride Parade—"Queer" and otherwise—during this year's parade I felt the presence of all those spirits who have not survived the AIDS pandemic. Some of us buy a T-shirt or wear a red ribbon to ease our guilt. Sorry, not enough!

I am reminded of the first parade on Larkin and Polk, and the sneers and bottles thrown at us. I remember the gay man shot to death outside the Stud in the early '70s by the police; the power of the Dykes on Bikes in 1975; Harvey Milk smiling and vulnerable in later parades.

In 1969 a group of 20 or so met as the Gay Liberation Front. Now thousands march down Market Street. Yet something is very wrong!

San Francisco spends millions for baseball, by and for rich white people; and cuts $90,000 from healthcare affecting low income citizens and people of color.

We must never forget all those women and men who fought for the simple right to walk down the street together.

I am proud to know the Dykes From Hell, ACT UP, Queer Nation, Bad Cop No Donut, queer youth groups like LYRIC and all the other fighters who keep the door open for the new generation of queers.

Now I'm told the "second stage" of HIV has begun within my body. I see my own mortality. There is no fear, for I have seen so many before me fight to live as great warriors.

I call upon all queers, fags, gay men, transsexuals, bisexuals, dyke fags and transvestites to stand up and come out fighting. Show those who allow our genocide that we are strong. We will not go quietly into the night. Confront the ex-cop mayor and all other hateful bigots. We are strong and alive.

Fighting for our lives,

Sande Mack
Electric City Video
San Francisco

"Dykeweek" Heterophobia

The July 1 *SF Bay Times'* "Dykeweek" cover is a deeply offensive example of the apparent growing acceptance of heterophobia among queer Bay Areans.

Marriage is a primary institution that helps to celebrate, to stabilize and to publicize the mutual love between a man and a woman. Ideally, marriage is the basic institution of a civilized society. Children born and reared within a loving marriage have the psychological and emotional security in which to grow into self-loving and other-loving adults.

Instead of mocking marriage, queer Bay Areans should demand that civil marriage be redefined to include same-sex couples—as the queers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are doing.

The SF Bay Times usually reflects thoughtfulness and reasonableness, but you folks certainly failed to meet your usual standards of social responsibility with this offensive cover.

James F. Gibbons
San Leandro

Pink Ghetto Mentality

The *SF Bay Times* has apparently been gripped by the "Pink Ghetto" mentality.

Your covers over the past couple of months have been getting more and more shrill. First was the photo of a drag queen under the screaming headline, "1 Percent My Ass!" Then came your pre-Parade cover, "It's Here. The Year of the Queer. Get Used to It!" Now comes your take-off of *Newsweek's* recent cover story on lesbians under a "Dykeweek" logo: "Heterosexuals: What Are the Limits of Tolerance?"

While I'm sure most of your readers found that latter cover funny, I, as a newly out-of-the-closet bisexual male, found it insulting.

Just what is the "Pink Ghetto" mentality? It's a mental condition among gay people who have lived so long in the so-called "Gay Mecca" of San Francisco (not necessarily limited to the Castro District), cut off from the outside world for far too many years—resulting in a marked contempt of all heterosexuals and even bisexuals.

In other words, the "Pink Ghetto" mentality is heterophobic, and I can no longer remain silent about it. As a bisexual man, I will not countenance heterophobia any more than I will countenance homophobia. Both are evil and it serves no purpose to fight the latter by resorting to the former, as your July 1 cover did, however unintentionally.

By the way, in answer to your "Year of the Queer" cover, I reply:

I don't give a flying fuck/ What the hell you say/
"Queer" is ho-mo-phob-ic/ As sure as night follows day.

Do you really think the bashers/ Will stop calling you "queer"/ While they go upside your head/
And you hear a buzz in your ear?

Just what the hell is wrong/ With calling ourselves "gay"?/I'd rather be called gay or bi/ Than "queer" any old damn day!

D.B. Sanders
San Francisco

Down Our Throats?

Why does the *SF Bay Times*, more than any other publication, shove that hateful, negative and divisive word "queer" down our throats? It must have been an *SF Bay Times* staffer who came up with that "Year of the Queer" parade theme. Now the parade is history. "Queer" should be history, too. Or are you pushing that word in the hopes of declaring our 1994 Gay Day the "San Francisco Queer Freedom Day Parade & Celebration"? I bet all you "Queerdos" would like that, wouldn't you?

How about you starting a campaign to get other organizations to turn queer? P-FLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) could become "P-FOQ" (sounds great, doesn't it?), to stand for "Parents & Friends of Queers." How about GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) changing to "QAAD," the "Queer Alliance Against Defamation"? Surely you would support BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) changing its name to "BANQE," the "Bay Area Network of Queer Educators," wouldn't you? The Gay & Lesbian Freedom Band could become known as the "Queer Freedom Band." And wouldn't the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses be better when called the "Queer Association of Choruses"? Instead of GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), we could have the group named "QOE," the "Queer Outreach to Elders." There are many more organizations that need to become "Queer," but until you get Webster's to define "Queer" positively, just live with the fact that most of us do *not* share your views. So to all the *SF Bay Times* Queerdos and their supporters: Get Used to It!

John J. Sucre
San Francisco

Tede in Need

Some of you may know that Tede Matthews, a longtime member of the Modern Times Bookstore and a tireless activist in both the San Francisco and international lesbian and gay communities, is currently battling AIDS.

Tede and his lover, Chuck Barragan, have run through their small savings. Tede has recently returned home from the hospital and will be receiving health care at home. Modern Times Bookstore has set up an emergency fund to help pay for the costs of both medical treatment and daily necessities.

Any donations are urgently needed and will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to: Charles Barragan and sent to him c/o Modern Times, 888 Valencia St., SF 94110.

Thank you for your support.

Friends of Tede Matthews
San Francisco

Regarding "Queer"

An interesting thing happened to me last night. I got a casual phone call from my uncle in Oklahoma, who was very drunk. After a few minutes of banter, he asked outright, "So are you *queer* or what? Your cousin tells me you're *queer*!" It was meant in a derogatory way.

I got nervous and replied, "Yes, I am queer and I have been since you knew me as a little boy. I'm happy, healthy, queer and proud of my life." We got talking about it for a while and—know what?—for the rest of the conversation my uncle used "gay" instead of "queer"! Isn't that wild?

Christian Matthews
Oakland

Angrier Than Angry Lesbian

I don't think Dan Hodge got it when he read and responded to the letter written by "Very Angry Lesbian," which appeared in the June 17 issue of *SF Bay Times*. He sounded angrier than she did. The point she was trying to make was simply one of self-respect.

The parade has a purpose: to celebrate freedom and to send a public message that non-heterosexuals will not tolerate oppression based on sexual orientation. So, let's celebrate! Listen to the guest speakers. Let's enjoy the myriad of entertainment. Let's let our hair down and party! One of the exciting things about the parade is that it is quite risque. So what! The straights enjoy the same thing at Mardi Gras.

There is, however, more than a subtle difference between risque and perversion. Where do we draw the line? You can see women's breasts or men's butt cheeks on a beach or in a Las Vegas revue. No biggie. French kissing in a movie could still be rated P.G. But when it comes to exposing one's genitals, or actual public sex acts—which are not isolated events at the parade—it sends the wrong message. This type of behavior belongs in an entirely different category. Should our sexual freedom embrace child molesters and rapists too?

If we are to be proud of our Parade, we should not condone such (as the Angry Lesbian puts it) trash. I am proud of everything Freedom Day stands for, but not proud of the blatant promiscuity. It is in the name of freedom that many (heteros and non-heteros alike) throw morality out the window. We must not forget that morals and values are the fibers that define a community. Our community should pride itself on intelligence, perseverance, humanitarianism, and many, many accomplishments.

Perhaps Dan Hodge is one of the sexually perverted superfreaks that do not know the boundaries of having a fun time and who diminish the crucial statement that we—the non-heterosexual community—are trying to convey. Or maybe (as I choose to believe) he was angrier than the Angry Lesbian because she came off as a pretentious and materialistic little snot in her letter when all she was trying to tell us was to have some self-respect.

Tobias Medina
San Jose

Your Worst Nightmare

Thomas M. Edwards ("Curmudgeon vs. Dykes," *SF Bay Times*, Letters, July 1), brother, we are your worst nightmare: cunts on the rise, ready to take over the Castro, Pasqua, Cafe Flore, Moby Dick's, your $500,000 houses, with our lucrative salaries as clerks, nurses, childcare workers, sex workers, teachers, administrative assistants, social workers, secretaries (not to mention volunteerism). We want your balls on a Target platter, oh Thomas. With our political connections (I just had brunch with Bill and Hillary) and vaginal force we will smother you in flannel shirts and labyrises. Lick our boots, Thomas, brother—we emasculate you with our rock faces and our potluck dinners, turning all your hard work to secure "us" a place in the world into dust.

Nona Caspers
San Francisco

Fed Up

Re: Thomas M. Edwards' letter of July 1:

Shut up!

Thank you,
OFFUL
(One Fat Fed-Up Lesbian)
San Francisco

Stuff and Nonsense

He's been fulminating for years against activists of any stripe so it figures that when "dykes" decided on demonstrations of their unity, Thomas M. Edwards (*SF Bay Times* Letters, July 1) would strive to blame them for something.

The man, whose letters appear elsewhere in the gay press with the regularity of a sick man with diarrhea, blames "dykes" for the "inevitable backlash." Stuff and nonsense: any time minorities increase their political power backlashes occur—it's part of progress.

As for a sense of humor (feminists, he says, have none), where's his? In fact, we have an intelligent and witty Clinton for president, with a wife who's no slouch. Edwards, who positively adored Nixon, Reagan and Bush, apparently can't stand the Clintons, who (although I have my criticism) have already done more for us than Edwards' beloved Republicans.

Edwards is a jingoistic jerk, and I'm sorry the *SF Bay Times* saw fit to print his stupid remarks.

John D. Dolan
San Francisco

Hey, Broad Nation!

What's up? Couldn't help hearing your whining infantile separatist voice among that tired S.C.U.M. manifesto "challenge." ("No More Constructive Engagement," *SF Bay Times* Letters, July 1) Come on, Women, let's get out of the self-defeatist circle of victim-centered group therapy, botched terrorist activism and trivial "in-crowd" back patting. "War on Women"? Have you been sitting up late with bad

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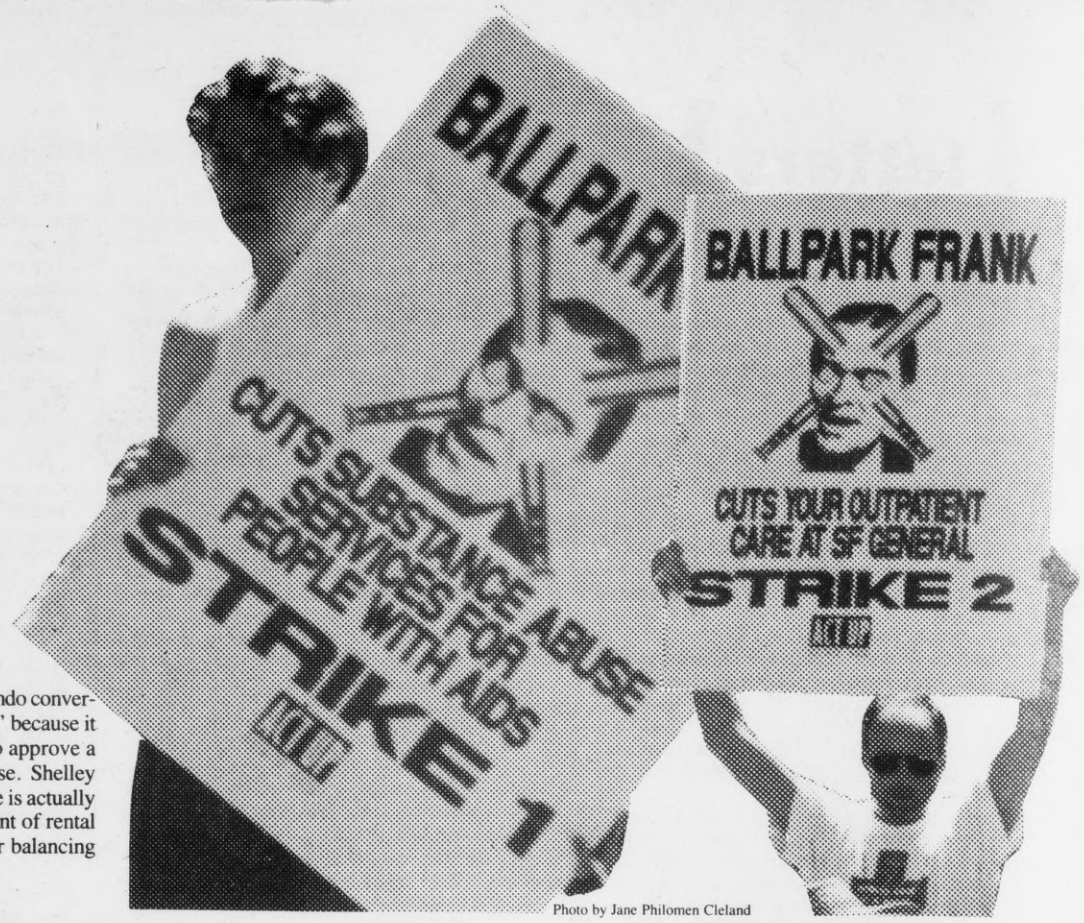
by Tim Kingston



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The San Francisco budget, due to come limping out of the Board of Supervisors' budget committee on July 16, is a very hopeful kind of affair. Although it is designed to restore almost $20 million to the Department of Public Health (DPH) this year, the actual budget only provides $10 million of funding for the next six months. The remaining $10 million needed to cover the second half of the DPH's fiscal year is contingent on city voters approving a continuation of the 8.5 percent sales tax this November.

After lengthy negotiations with the Mayor, Supervisor Carole Migden, chair of the budget committee, thinks the committee has finally come up with a "consensus package" that can be passed by the Board on July 26. Migden contends Mayor Frank Jordan's original budget would have been flatly rejected by the Board of Supervisors, primarily due to the massive cuts proposed in health care services.

Migden, the board's central player in the budget wars, says, "The challenge before the board is to endeavor to restore vital health services and also to knock out condominium conversion fees. There is also sentiment to find a way around the Muni fare increase."

In addition to restoring health care funds, the budget committee managed to find $8 million in revenues, eliminating Jordan's sneaky attempt at allowing condominium conversions. Supervisors Migden and Kevin Shelley both point out that voters have twice rejected a condo conversion measure at the polls, and blast Jordan for trying to slip the measure into the budget.

Supervisor Shelley says Jordan's condo conversion proposal verges on "blackmail," because it would have forced the supervisors to approve a measure they would normally oppose. Shelley charges the condo conversion scheme is actually a land-use policy to reduce the amount of rental property in the City, in exchange for balancing the budget.

HEALING THE BREACH? HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESTORATIONS

If the full Board and the Mayor approve Migden's proposed budget, the initial $10 million in DPH restorations will inject life back into many faltering health care programs.

For example, 300 beds are slated to be restored at Laguna Honda Hospital. In addition the Center for Special Problems will be re-funded, as will the homeless programs and Napa State Hospital mental health contracts. Health Center 3 will remain open, many community mental health and substance abuse programs will be retained, and the heroin detox ward at SF General Hospital will stay open. Also, TB control measures that were to be cut will be maintained. (In the midst of all the flurry, Migden also managed to find money to save the gay/lesbian/bisexual and AIDS staff of the Human Rights Commission [HRC], while also maintaining minority business representatives at the HRC who faced layoff.)

Such restorations are crucial, not only because of the need to provide basic services, but also because they will bring in state and federal funding that would otherwise have been lost. But don't jump up and down for joy just yet. According to DPH projections, even *after* the restorations, the health budget will still lose $52 million, and as a result, at least $32 million in direct services will be cut.

The next stage in the grueling budget process is the presentation of the budget committee's proposal to the full Board of Supervisors on July 19 and 26. And if this revised budget is passed, it will be punted over to the Mayor's office for final approval by Aug. 1. Given that the budget is built on faith and Rube Goldberg-like mechanisms, the negotiations should prove interesting. Knowing City Hall, just about anything can happen, and probably will.

Make no mistake about it, there will be fireworks as the budget wends its way through the Board of Supervisors, and politicos push their favorite proposals. Ideas being batted around City Hall include tax increases for businesses and hotels, and a commercial utility tax increase. In addition, the unions and the Coalition for Public Health Services are demanding a charge on certain financial services—including a tax on the Pacific Stock Exchange—and a fee on income earnings over $100,000 annually. (See Taxwatch sidebar for more exciting information.)

A BATTLE FOR A CITY'S SOUL: CLASS WAR BY ANY OTHER NAME

There is more to the budget than just dollars. This year's budget process is clearly a battle between two very different visions of the City's future. One vision, posed by progressives and based on San Francisco's responsibility to its citizens, is to provide basic essential services. The other vision comes from a sector of the business community who complain bitterly of excessive municipal taxation, and is based on a Reaganistic desire for massive reductions in the size of city government.

Simply put, the battle over the budget is over

Taxwatch: A Selection

At a glance, here are some of the proposed tax hikes and revenue boosts being kicked around City Hall in an effort to balance the budget and save services. Approximate annual revenue figures come from either City Controller Ed Harrington, or labor sources and the Coalition for Public Health Services as indicated. The city attorney's office declined comment on the legality of any proposal.

BUSINESS TAX: Mayor Jordan is proposing that the current payroll tax threshold be lowered from $166,000 to $100,000. Thus, for the first time, companies with a payroll below $166,000 will be paying a payroll tax. Companies with a payroll between $100,000 and $140,000 will pay a 1 percent payroll tax. Businesses with a payroll of between $140,000 and $166,000 will pay 1.25 percent. Companies with a payroll over the current $166,000 threshold will continue to pay 1.5 percent. Controller-estimated additional revenues: $13 million.

BUSINESS TAX: Hallinan's version also offers a three-stage tax. It boosts the payroll tax to 1.7 percent for companies with payroll above $1 million. Businesses with payrolls between $500,000 and $1 million will be charged 1.6 percent. Between $500,000 and the current threshold of $166,000, the tax will remain at 1.5 percent. Here's a kicker—the tax is retroactive to January. Hallinan's office's estimated additional revenues: $23.5 million.

BUSINESS TAX: Other progressive versions of this tax include dropping the payroll tax to 1 percent for businesses with payrolls below $333,333, and boosting it to 2.0 percent for those with payrolls above $6.6 million.

HOTEL TAX: Migden proposes raising the hotel occupancy tax to 13 percent from the current 11 percent. Other supervisors support an increase to 12 to 12.5 percent. Controller-estimated additional revenues: $6.5 million.

SALES TAX: If voters pass an ongoing 8.5 percent sales tax in November, Migden estimates $22 million total revenues.

ANNUAL TRANSIT ASSESSMENT FOR DOWNTOWN PROPERTY OWNERS: Supported by progressive groups, as well as Supervisors Migden, Bierman, Shelley, Alioto and Hallinan. Study currently under way; would not come on line this year. Labor estimates $49 to $54 million additional revenue.

COMMERCIAL UTILITY-USERS TAX: Proposed by Migden. Raises tax from 6 percent to 7.5 percent. Controller estimates $3 million revenue annually, but only $2 million this year due to timing.

SIDEWALK BASEMENT TAX: Migden proposing tax on below-ground city property used by large companies. Migden estimates $7 million revenues. City Controller: interesting idea, but what liability does the City assume, i.e., will the City have to pay for leaks and repair?

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: All sources agree the City is losing millions in downtown property tax reassessments. Downtown property owners are reassessing their property values downward during the recession. Migden proposes adding $500,000 to assessor's budget to computerize the office. Most supervisors are on the record supporting beefing-up the assessor's office.

SUPERVISOR KAUFMAN: Proposing revenue measures in state legislature currently under review by the city attorney that her office says could raise $23 million. Reforms include transferring eligible city general assistance recipients to SSI, saving city $15 to $20 million *monthly*. (And the people receiving SSI would benefit, with their income increasing from $340 to $660 monthly.) Kaufman also proposes more vigilant city tax enforcement, arguing that 30,000 local business are evading taxation.

SUPERVISOR ALIOTO: Proposing three measures: an airport departure tax, a gas tax and a hospital parcel tax. Alioto says her 2-cents-a-gallon gas tax could raise $7.2 million; a $4 a head departure fee could raise $70 million; and a $40 per property parcel tax would help direct its proceeds to the DPH. Controller Harrington disagrees. "The airport tax is illegal," says Harrington flatly. The hospital parcel tax is worth discussing, says Harrington, but is unlikely to survive legal challenge. He does say the gas tax is feasible, because voters did pass an initiative allowing such a tax. But, the controller warns, putting a gas tax in place may require changes in state law.

STOCK EXCHANGE SURTAX, UNITARY FINANCIAL SERVICE TAX: Impose 0.1 percent charge on transactions at Pacific Stock Exchange. Impose 0.1 percent charge on all stock, bond, currency, commodity, mutual funds transactions originating or concluding in the City. Labor sources estimated revenue: Stock exchange, $22 million. Unitary tax: $75 million. Controller argues tax will not work because brokers will find a way not to trade in the City. Supervisor Shelley says that Migden's budget task force looked at this idea, but said it was deemed illegal.

MUNICIPAL INCOME FEE: 1 percent income charge on individuals earning over $100,000 per annum in wages, rents, profits, dividends and interest. Labor sources estimated revenue: $300 million. Supervisor Hallinan says he is seriously looking at this proposal and may be backed by Supervisor Bierman. Migden appears dubious about the proposal. City controller argues the more it looks like a progressive income tax the more likely is a legal challenge from state or feds. But proponents say legal precedent exists favoring the measure.

Supervisor Kennedy opposes the idea; however, she proposes the same thing with a much lower threshold based on only $20,000 income.

RENEGOTIATE PG&E CONTRACT: Initiate legal action to open "perpetual" PG&E franchise contract. Increase charge to PG&E for use of city power to 2 percent. Labor sources indicate revenue of $7.7 million. No go, says Harrington, who points out contract has to be reopened by mutual consent. He says that won't happen, "Unless we are offering something like making the *Bay Guardian* go away. What else could we offer that would make them want to reopen negotiations?"

(Note: this is a *partial* list.)

—Tim Kingston

who will pay for the City's financial woes. "[San Franciscans] have to learn how to tighten their belt and make do with less," declares Bill Steele, Chevron's manager of public affairs for the Bay Area. Citing the board's refusal to overturn the SEIU Local 790 contract, which critics say will cost the City millions, Steele believes the attitude on the Board should have been: "We don't have it, you don't get it—even though it was promised." He adds, "If business did what the City is doing, it would go bankrupt."

Steele and other business representatives argue that San Francisco simply cannot afford to provide all of its current services. They also charge the City is run inefficiently, with too many employees and not enough revenues to pay for it all. Over and over, corporate types stress that San Francisco has to live within its means and keep expenditures in line with revenues.

While business advocates say San Francisco spends too much, health advocates, progressives and unions say the real problem the City faces is a revenue crisis—that is, not spending too much, but bringing in too little to cover basic services. While acknowledging inefficiency in the system, they assert the overriding problem is a tax structure that favors corporations and penalizes citizens. Effectively, progressives says business has not been paying its fair share.

Progressives argue that two culprits are primarily responsible for the revenue crises: slumping business taxes relative to other city taxes and Proposition 13. Alex Vitale of the Coalition on Homelessness says sales taxes and residential property taxes have kept up with inflation over the last ten years, but, "It is business taxes that remain flat."

Peter Donohue, an economist hired by the San Francisco Labor Council, argues that Prop. 13 costs the City $500 million annually in lost property taxes. He adds that those lost taxes remain largely in the pockets of downtown businesses, which make up the bulk of the City's major property owners.

Vitale agrees with downtown representatives that major structural reorganization is needed in San Francisco. But, Vitale says, progressives "are talking about different structural changes" than business. "[Businesses] are talking about breaking the unions. What we are talking about is going where the real money is, which is in the people who have made it rich over the last 12 years: the major corporations downtown."

Supervisor Carole Migden. Photo by Rink

MIGDEN STIRS THE SUPE SOUP

The supervisors' views on the budget are as varied as the individual number of members on the Board—with a spectrum of political complexions ranging from social democratic to demagogic.

But in recent weeks it has been Migden who has been crafting compromises and scouring the budget document line item by line item, searching out ways to save services and cut costs—within the constraints of City Hall political reality.

"There is a revolution going on in the way that state and local municipalities are being funded," declares Migden. "We are being shut out and cut off, summarily, radically and without recourse." Migden believes the situation may change if a Democrat is elected governor— but she is not holding her breath.

Above all, Migden believes the City has to respond "flexibly and imaginatively" to the current crisis if it is to save jobs and maintain services. Basically, there are only two ways to deal with the crisis, says Migden: increase revenue or cut costs.

Migden wants to raise taxes. She authored the increase in the hotel tax, and supports increases in the business tax and a downtown transit assessment tax. But, according to Migden, there is "an unwillingness on the part of the Board, even its liberal/progressive members, to raise taxes." In a clear, yet subtle, dig at Board president Angela Alioto's reluctance to back some of Migden's tax increases, Migden says, "I don't place my value in lip-service liberalism."

The Board of Supervisors voted to support the Local 790 contract that Migden says will cost the City $140 million over three years. Migden argues that decision put the City in a double bind. If the supervisors won't raise revenues and won't renegotiate labor contracts, "then how can we preserve services?" she asks, adding, "If you want to keep clinics open and you refuse to raise revenue, then you have to deal with labor costs!"

Migden voted against the Local 790 contract. She says she supports decently paid city workers, "But when an economic earthquake hits, you have to be able to reassess. What do you do when you lose $200 million?"

Migden's decisive stance on the Local 790 contract has not endeared her to the unions or to progressive activists around town. Some even charge Migden is grooming herself to be the new Jordan, becoming a stealth union buster as Frank goes down the tubes. Others suspect Migden is using her vote against the Local 790 contract to show that she can "stand up to the unions" as part of the groundwork for a shot at the 1994 Mayor's race. Migden denies both charges.

Can the City afford to honor the contract? Paul Varacalli, director of Local 790, retorts, "Absolutely. It is called long-range planning. There comes a time... [when] you can't balance a budget on the backs of workers." Varacalli says SEIU members have put up with wage freezes four out of the past five years, and asks, "Do you want these services? If so, you must have a decently paid workforce to be more efficient and improve service delivery."

While labor economist Peter Donohue acknowledges that Migden supports new taxes, he says she will not go for the "big ticket items." Those items, specifically, are a municipal tax on individuals with total income over $100,000 and a fee for financial services, such as stocks and bonds transactions. Donohue argues such fees could easily pay for the Local 790 contract. "There are alternatives, and Carole refuses to look at them," says Donohue. "She is looking for revenues every place but where they are."

Migden says she does not necessarily oppose the financial service taxes or municipal income fee. Instead, she says the measures would be very difficult to get through the Board of Supervisors. When pressed on the issue of the Local 790 contract, Migden sticks to her guns, saying, "I am simply proposing that our benefit package be in line with the reality of the times."

That view is echoed by city controller Ed Harrington, who points out that the union's demands were not unreasonable: "They are the things many employees have in many industries. They are also the same things that the Mayor gave the firefighters and the police.... My objection was the timing."

TAXES IN THE MIX AT CITY HALL

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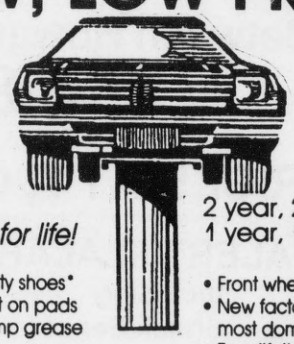

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proposals floating around City Hall are likely to garner the eight votes necessary to override a Jordan veto. Ironically enough, those three measures are simply more powerful variants of three taxes that Jordan's budget already includes. Taxes likely to be in the final budget are a sales tax continuation (if the voters say "yes" in November), an increase in the hotel tax, and an increase of some kind in the business payroll tax. Both Mayor Jordan and Supervisor Terence Hallinan are offering different versions of the business payroll tax. (See fabulous sidebar on super exciting tax plans.)

City Controller Ed Harrington estimates increases in the hotel tax and the business payroll tax will bring in approximately $19.5 million. In addition, Supervisor Migden believes that the sales tax extension, if passed, will raise $22 million. Thus, supervisors are hoping for additional revenues of $31.5 million from the new taxes.

Although Hallinan's version of the business payroll tax would bring in higher revenues, Jordan's version is most likely to pass. Why? Hallinan's proposal will not be eligible for full discussion until mid-August, due to a mandatory 45-day buffer period between the introduction of a tax bill and its discussion. That means it may not even make it into the budget by Aug. 1.

Hallinan's proposal also has less support among other supervisors, because it hits downtown harder. Only Bierman, Shelley and Migden seem likely to support it. Supervisor Susan Leal is looking at it and Supervisors Angela Alioto and Willie Kennedy oppose the measure. Supervisor Barbara Kaufman's office said it is "highly unlikely" Kaufman would support such a measure. Supervisors Bill Maher, Tom Hsieh and Annemarie Conroy did not return calls, but their past voting patterns make support of such a bill unlikely.

The Jordan tax, which increases the burden on small business, has its own problems as well. Supervisor Leal—backed by Supervisor Kaufman and several small business associations—is worried the Mayor's proposal unfairly penalizes small business. Leal says she is willing to consider almost any other business tax, but she adds, "I am concerned about driving business out of town. You have to look at the whole smorgasbord. You have to see which [taxes] are the most viable and least hurtful to the city."

Board president Alioto appears to be playing both sides of the fence. While Alioto has been vocal in her opposition to cuts in the DPH or curtailments of city workers' contracts, she is not exactly charging forward to embrace any of the more progressive taxations that are being proposed. Instead she is offering her own selection of revenue enhancers (See sidebar). Despite the crisis Alioto opposes going downtown to solve the budget crisis, saying, "To kill the goose that lays the golden egg is not the way to do it."

HOWLS OF PAIN FROM DOWNTOWN

None of the calls to increase taxes are welcomed by a San Francisco business community that already feels overtaxed and beleagured by the recession. Assertions that the crisis is driven by a revenue shortfall due to flat business taxation is flatly rejected by business representatives, who instead argue that San Francisco is overtaxing businesses and forcing them to relocate outside of the City.

"The heart of the matter is business provides jobs and an economic base," says Bill Allin, district manager of government relations for AT&T. "If you keep taxing that base, you reach a point where the base itself diminishes. That point has been reached." Allin described plans to increase the payroll tax as "a lightning rod for job loss that has contributed to San Francisco's reputation as having almost the highest business taxes in the country."

Barbara French, a public relations consultant representing a downtown business lobbying group called the Committee on Jobs (COJ), asserts that 1 percent of companies operating in the City already pay 50 percent of all business taxes that the city receives. "The point is the business community is already paying its fair share," says French.

French asserts businesses are already leaving town and that the increased taxes will only accelerate the process. Pointing to Chevron's plan-

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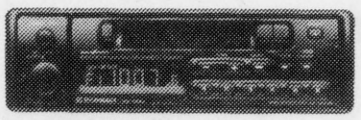

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ned sale of its downtown headquarters, Pacific Telesis' move to San Ramon and increasing competitive pressure from cities as far away as Phoenix, French argues that San Francisco simply cannot continue to view downtown business as a cash cow.

If one accepts the premise that the City overtaxes and squanders what resources it does have, Lee Munson offers a familiar solution: reduce the size of city government. Munson, a member of the civil service commission and often seen around the Mayor's office, says the City "needs to figure out which services are important. It needs to consider which services we should consider dropping or privatizing." Although Munson made a point of saying special care must be taken so health services are not arbitrarily eliminated, others are freer with the budget axe.

Chevron's Bill Steele believes the City can make cutbacks and reduce services. He accepts that some San Franciscans will not get needed services. When asked about their fate, he replies, "That is a real good question. I don't have an answer. It is a bit overblown. There is a lot of redundancy in the health and human service area. I think there is capacity there. Maybe not for everyone." Saying many could be taken care of by voluntary organizations and other departments, Steele adds, "I don't necessarily believe all those other people will be thrown out in the streets."

HUMANE BUSINESS

Comments like Steele's make others in the business community cringe. One off-the-record business source says the business community is being blamed for the cuts and targeted for taxes as a result of Jordan's attack on the DPH and Muni. Business representatives contacted say they would prefer the Jordan administration to make internal government reforms such as consolidating departments and improving management structures. Even though factions of the business community strongly disapprove of the sweeping cuts, the source says the business community feels politically constrained to support the Mayor.

Dale Carlson, vice president of the Pacific Stock Exchange, argues, "When business talks about no new taxes, it is in part because there is a feeling that government has not looked hard enough at putting its own house in order." Carlson says that had the Jordan administration acted on recommendations for city reform made by the business community to deliver services in a more effective way, that would "have obviated the need for closing health centers and laying off cops."

Carlson also points out that sweeping service cuts can be counterproductive. For example, he says San Francisco has avoided millions of dollars in federal pollution fines because it has Muni, an effective public transport system. Yet Muni is one of the major targets of those who want to cut back city services.

Carlson argues that the City has to create a better policy than just tearing apart its service system. "The City needs to be thinking about an economic development strategy. How do we grow a bigger pie? Right now, the City has no economic strategy or development plan. It has nothing...That sort of discussion has to happen with a wider audience."

CROCODILE TEARS

"[Business] always says they are taxed too high!" laughs labor economist Peter Donohue, referring to claims that San Francisco's large businesses are overtaxed. "They are crying big salty tears. They make a fortune over a decade and there is a big transfer of wealth upward...and they are the ones saying they are the victims."

While one expects a labor economist to say that, Donohue is not alone. Where business advocates say taxes force them to move out of town, Professor John Quigly, chair of the UC Berkeley Economics Department, says, "The empirical evidence tends to conclude the effect of taxes is highly [statistically] significant, but not very important." In other words, Prof. Quigly says taxation does have an impact on the decision of businesses to leave town, but not a critical one. Far more important are wage rates, site costs, plant relocation costs, labor assembly costs, the cost of capital and many other factors.

The budget debate is far from over as protests continue against Mayor Jordan's cuts.
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When Prof. Quigly heard about the business community's cries of mortal pain about the proposed tax increases, he chuckled, saying, "I would be very suspicious of that—even if it did not come from the Chamber of Commerce. The margin of tax increases we are talking about are not really decisive...It is easy to over-dramatize this kind of thing."

In fact, a 1992 *SF Chronicle* study of business tax rates in 20 major U.S. cities shows San Francisco was in the mid-range as regards paying business taxes—contradicting the stereotype of city businesses as highly overtaxed. And in April of this year *Fortune* magazine rated San Francisco as number three of the top ten best cities nationwide to do business in.

But Barbara French downplays both articles. She says COJ conducted its own study, comparing San Francisco to several other "competitive" cities in the West. It concluded San Francisco was the most highly taxed of the lot. French also critiqued the *Fortune* article, saying it rated the City mainly on international presence, and did not really address the ultimate costs of San Francisco's business taxes.

Prof. Quigly argues, however, that the loss of downtown businesses has little to do with taxes, and more to do with the historical fact that downtown areas are losing their overall attractiveness for major business. That in turn has less to do with taxes and more to do with flight to suburbia.

Throughout the country, cities are facing a crisis—particularly in California where state subsidies to cover Prop. 13 shortfalls are steadily being eliminated. Both the federal and state government are foisting more responsibility onto local government, without granting the resources to pay for those services. That is the problem facing the Board of Supervisors right now, as the more reactionary sectors of downtown business and progressive activists stare angrily at each other from either side of the ring.

Unlike many cities, the political sides in San Francisco are more evenly matched, so neither downtown nor progressives are likely to win an outright victory. "In the long term," says Dale Carlson, "You are going to have to get a lot of people with a stake in the budget and get them talking. We will have to get the health folks, and the union people, and the business people and the library lovers in the same room. And the discussion will not be pleasant or polite."

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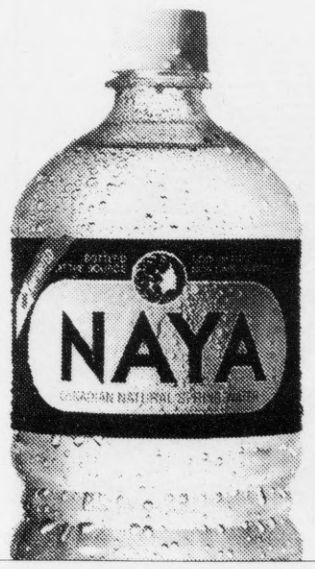

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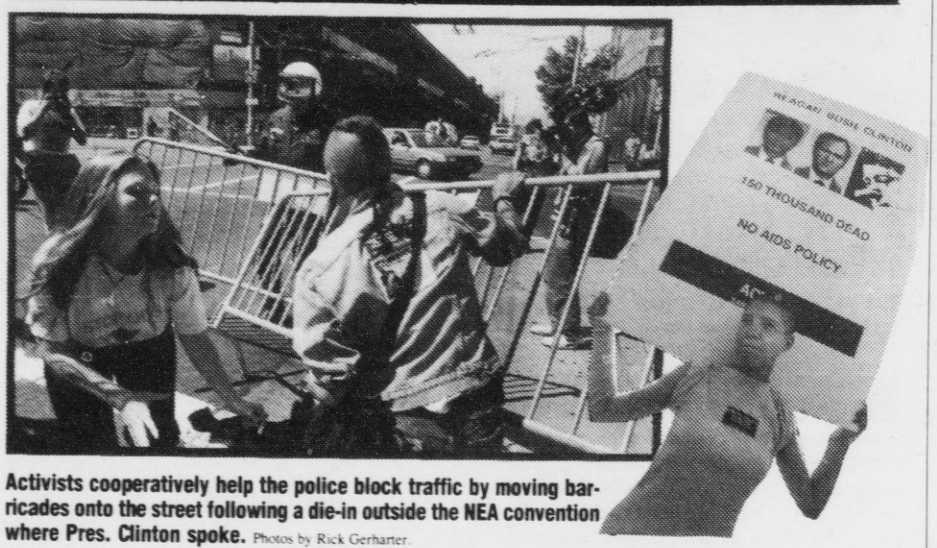

Activists cooperatively help the police block traffic by moving barricades onto the street following a die-in outside the NEA convention where Pres. Clinton spoke. Photos by Rick Gerharter.

Dykes Are Beautiful Too

COLORADO SPRINGS - As this city celebrates "America the Beautiful Week" during the third week of July, many queers will be asking whether the author of the famous poem that inspired the festivities was a dyke.

Katherine Lee Bates wrote "America the Beautiful" after visiting Colorado Springs, now the home of the fundamentalist group that originated Amendment 2, the statewide anti-gay-rights law. Bates lived most of her life with a female "companion," writing poetry to her as well as letters. Ground Zero, an anti-Amendment 2 group, is not outing Bates, but wonders "if the fact that her lifestyle was suspect would make her legally permitted to be discriminated against under the conditions of Colorado's Amendment 2, were she alive today?"

Amendment 2 is still unenforced, under an injunction from a federal court where the matter is being challenged by gay/lesbian and civil rights organizations.

King Joins Opponents of Military Ban

ATLANTA - As the clock was nearing the hour for President Bill Clinton to issue his order on the lifting of the ban on gays/lesbians in the military, longtime civil rights leader Coretta Scott King went on record against anti-gay discrimination in the armed forces.

At a June 30 press conference at the gravesite of her late husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Coretta said, "The controversy over this issue indicates that homophobia, as well as other forms of prejudice and intolerance, are serious problems in the military services, as they are throughout our society."

"I strongly believe that freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces to suit political convenience," said King. "Lesbian and gay people have served their country with honor and courage in the military and other institutions since the early days of American history, and many have paid the highest price to defend the freedoms we cherish as Americans."

King was joined in her statement by Joseph E. Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who said, "It would be ridiculously and drastically inconsistent for us to support the denial of lesbians and gays to equal opportunity and equal access to serve their country in the military."

Meanwhile, a resolution supporting the ban on homosexuals in the military is expected at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) convention under way during the week of July 12 in Indianapolis. It's among 40 resolutions being debated at the conference. About 40 members of the fundie group Concerned Citizens for Traditional Family Values protested outside the opening session of the conference because the NAACP supported the April 25 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

Lift the Ban, Then Ban Militarism

SAN FRANCISCO - About 200 people marched not only to lift the ban against gays and lesbians in the military, but also for an end to militarism itself.

The group, which assembled at Castro/Market on July 9, marched up Market to the Federal Building, where speakers and performers decried the oppressive policies of the U.S. military at home and abroad, while calling for an end to discrimination against gays and lesbians. Speakers also protested the violence promoted by militarism itself.

Many of those marching were attendees at the 18th National Conference of the National Organization for Men Against Sexism here in San Francisco. Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention was a co-sponsor of the march and rally.

In a first-of-its-kind piece in the straight press, the SF *Chronicle* ran a story a few days later about the dissent within the gay/lesbian community over the lifting of the ban. Spokespersons from the gay/lesbian/bisexual community, including this reporter, discussed the dilemma of asking for civil rights from an organization that is one of the primary violators of human rights worldwide. With the exception of *SF Bay Times*, virtually no other queer paper in this country has discussed this side of the issue.

Asian Slave Labor?

OAKLAND - For the first time in Bay Area history, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted to support a Garment Workers Justice Campaign and boycott Jessica McClintock Inc.'s products, as well as to set up a task force to investigate alleged abuses in the industry of Asian immigrants.

Berkeley City Council also voted to support the campaign and boycott. The Oakland City Council voted to convene a task force to investigate industry working conditions, and urged McClintock to settle a wage dispute with 12 Chinese workers "justly and swiftly."

Keith Carson of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors said, "Slave labor began in this country when African Americans were brought...in chains. Slave labor is still going on using Asian immigrant workers. We need to take strong action against manufacturers exploiting these women in the garment industry."

Gay Ski Week Goes to Utah

PARK CITY - Organizers of Gay Ski Week have selected this city in Utah for their annual event this Jan. 15-22. For 15 years the group met in Aspen, Colo., but because of the passage of Amendment 2, the Colorado anti-gay rights law, the group decided to move the event that draws 2,500-3,000 folks.

According to Park City Chamber/Bureau's Sales Manager Nickie Hudelson, the group selected her city based on available meeting facilities and the hospitality extended to organizers during the initial site inspections of the area.

Jordan Answers the Question On Everyone's Mind

SAN FRANCISCO - Since readers were dying to know, *SF Bay Times* is pleased to answer the most frequently asked question in the City these days: Why didn't Mayor Frank Jordan march in the June 27 Freedom Day Parade?

According to the Big Cheese himself: "I was discouraged by parade organizers from attending, because in their estimation planned demonstrations with a potential for violence could have endangered other parade participants, marring the otherwise orderly conduct of the event.

"Secondly, although I am confident the parade monitors and the police could have contained any disorderliness, if disruptive activity occurred, it would have shifted the focus from what should be a celebration of pride and accomplishment."

And this should make your day: "I am still strongly committed to civil rights for lesbians and gays and am proud of the efforts of this administration to help bring it about." Jordan's statement and $1.00 (for now) will get you a ride on Muni anywhere in the City.

Amnesty Concerned About Gay Turks

LONDON - Amesty International is concerned about the arbitrary detention of Turkish gay rights activists Huseyin Kuskaya, Cem Ozipek and Onur

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Sarvaut as well as 28 supporters of gay rights from abroad.

The organization believes these men were detained solely by reason of their advocacy of homosexual equality and their real or presumed sexual orientation. It also believes these men faced "humiliating and degrading treatment" while in detention.

Although homosexuality is not proscribed by Turkish law, gay rights activists have been subjected to harassment, intimidation and ill-treatment. Amnesty recommends letters be sent to: Minister of the Interior Icisleri Bakanligi, 06644 Ankara, Turkey (Fax: 011-90-4-418-1795); and Mr. Hikmet Cetin, Minister of Foreign Affairs Disisleri Bakanligi, 06100 Ankara, Turkey (Fax: 011-90-4-287-3869).

Meanwhile, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission reports that Turkey's first-ever lesbian and gay pride celebration was banned by the governor of Istanbul on July 2, the day it was scheduled to begin. Police enforced the ban by arresting three Turkish and 28 foreign activists who planned to participate in the pride events. The foreigners were detained, threatened with forced HIV tests, and deported. The Turkish activists remained in prison for several days. One of them, Cem Ozipek, is still in police custody.

Say Hello to Operation Rescue

SAN JOSE - Operation Rescue, the terrorist anti-choice group that attacks clinics nationwide, has targeted San Jose as part of its national "Cities of Refuge" campaign July 9-18. Their stated objective is to close down health clinics and to stop women from having abortions.

Car pools to San Jose start at 4:30 am. In San Francisco, meet at Church and Market (Safeway); in the East Bay, meet at Ashby BART station. For more info, call (415) 255-1989.

Outlaw Poverty, Not Prostitutes

OAKLAND - A working prostitute and journalist says that when sex workers are the victims of crimes, they have no recourse because of laws against the world's oldest profession.

Carol Leigh says that "prostitution law reform must be undertaken from a women's rights perspective. All laws that restrict our private lives and our ability to organize and communicate amongst ourselves, should be repealed."

"Current laws against prostitutes prohibit or discourage the reporting of abuse and violence, sharing information about dangerous clients and others, and generally organizing for self-protection," says Leigh.

Achtenberg's swearing-in ceremony as the new Ass't Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity: Present (l-r) Achtenberg's son, Benjamin Achtenberg, her partner, Judge Mary Morgan, Sen. Edward Kennedy and Terrence Duvernay, HUD's Deputy Secretary.

The Dirt Comes Out

TALLAHASSEE - The dirt has finally emerged that police set up Robert Delaney, a reporter for the Orlando *Sentinel*, because of columns attacking the Legislature's Johns Committee for its witchhunts against queers in the 1960s.

According to an AP report, a woman working for the committee lured Delaney to her hotel, where police were waiting with cameras to arrest him for "the abominable and detestable crime against nature." Delaney refused to plea bargain and still got off with five years probation, but lost his newspaper job in the process. "My father was never the same after that," Delaney's daughter said recently, after sealed records of the committee reached the light of day.

Dirt of a Different Kind

PROVIDENCE - Politicians are often accused of spewing a lot of...uh...manure...but here's a new twist: a gay group in this Rhode Island city is accused of dumping 200 pounds of cow shit in front of the workplace of a legislator who helped kill the state's gay rights bill after a promise to support it.

Julia Pell of the Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights says that an anonymous gay caller is claiming responsibility for the act. She and other activists say protesters who demonstrated against the bill's defeat did not dump the manure.

This was the ninth time in as many years that the gay rights bill suffered defeat at the hands of state legislators.

Migden Pushes Safe Lubes

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Carole Migden has secured passage of a law requiring signs where personal lubes are sold advising buyers to choose water-based products for use with condoms. She has also authored legislation asking the Federal Drug Administration to require condom packages to include similar advice.

"Some lubricants marketed to gay men and that are widely considered to be safe for use with condoms are actually made with petroleum and vegetable shortening that destroys latex," says Migden. "It is important that people know to check the label before they buy."

Isn't that what mother always told us?

Jackson Says New Bill More to His Liking

ATLANTA - Mayor Maynard Jackson says he would support a domestic partners bill that includes a breakdown on how the city will pay for the granting of such benefits to unmarried couples.

Jackson vetoed the original bill that was passed by the City Council. An override attempt failed by three votes. An identical bill with the breakdown on how the city will finance domestic partners was immediately introduced into the legislative body.

Various numbers have been tossed back and forth concerning the cost of domestic partners benefits. Councilmember Mary Davis, who introduced the second bill, says, "I hope we vote for plain old respect and human dignity."

Bits & Pieces I: State & Local

- According to a recent poll conducted by the Evans/McDonough Company, John Laird, the former openly gay mayor of Santa Cruz, has a good chance of becoming the state's first out legislator. Laird is a candidate for the seat vacated when Sam Farr was elected to U.S. Congress last month. Laird's credibility is evidently built on his record and the fact that an overwhelming majority of district voters believe the issues are more important than a candidate's sexual orientation.
- Saturday, July 24, is the date for the West Coast regional meeting of the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People. The march will take place next June as part of the nation's celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, which gave birth to the current phase of the queer movement in America. The meeting takes place at Christopher Street West, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046, from 8:30 am-5 pm.
- The Senior Information and Referral Program of the San Francisco Commission on Aging has just released its 1993 edition of Services for the Homebound in San Francisco. The updated, 43-page booklet lists agencies and businesses, both public and private, that provide home deliveries, and make home visits. Cost is $2; order by calling (415) 626-2033.

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• All gay/lesbian/bisexual Mormons and their supportive family and friends are invited to the 15th annual national conference, to be held at the Kona Kair Resort in San Diego's Shelter Island. A highlight of the week will be the harbor cruise and keynote speaker, D. Michael Quinn. For info, call (619) 283-8810.

• The Seventh Annual AIDS Walk San Francisco is set for July 25 in Golden Gate Park. Over 15,000 are expected to work their feet to raise money for 23 Bay Area agencies, including the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Black Coalition on AIDS, Asian/Pacific AIDS Coalition and American Indian AIDS Institute. Call (415) 392-WALK for more details.

• Graduates of the University of California, Davis are being sought to become founders of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Group of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association. Interested UCD graduates should contact John Dixon (916) 756-0566 or write to Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Group, Cal Aggie Alumni Association, University of California, Davis, CA 95616.

• About a dozen Los Angeles organizations sponsored a "Before the Beach Empowerment Rally for African American Lesbians and Gay Men" on July 2 at the Holman United Methodist Church. Says a press release, "This new level of liberation and empowerment can only be realized when African-American lesbians and gay men come together unified and determined to dictate the course of our existence."

• The 17th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival saw a staggering 30 percent increase in attendance at the close of its ten-day run, making it the largest lesbian and gay arts event in the world. According to festival organizers, 51,797 people saw 117 programs at seven venues. Provisional figures indicate that the festival took in over $197,000 at the box office, up by 27 percent from last year's $158,482. The festival costs $238,900 to produce, the difference being made up by grants, business sponsorships and individual donations.

• A weekend conference for women in the industries of entertainment, sports and business is being presented Aug. 20-22 at the Westin Hotel in Los Angeles. The weekend includes workshops, seminars, films, comedy and exhibits. For more info, call (310) 318-2144.

• Men between 17 and 23 who live in San Francisco or the Bay Area are needed to participate in the Young Men's Self-Identity, Community Identity, and Sexual Beliefs Study being sponsored by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation this summer. Overall purpose: to investigate and define any relationships that may exist between self-identity, community and motivations for sexual behaviors among self-identified young men who have, or desire to have, sex with men. Call (415) 864-5855, ext. 2554 for more information.

• The University of California SF AIDS Health Project was the beneficiary of "An Evening with David Leavitt" held at the San Francisco Ballet Association. The June 25 benefit raised more than $1,500 for AIDS Health Project community services.

• The California State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, recently appointed Gay and Lesbian Constituent Advisory Committee is seeking two new members. The purpose of the committee is to improve and expand alcohol and drug services for gays and lesbians in California. Interested? Call Michael Kerr of the Van Ness Recovery House at (415) 463-4266.

• Nostalgic about the Summer of Love? Don't know what it was? What are you, a commie? Every day this summer, the 25th anniversary of the infamous "Summer of Love," the height of the hippie movement here in San Francisco, you can explore the historical sites of the '60s. Tours leave from the historic Red Victorian Bed and Breakfast Hotel at 1665 Haight St. at 1 pm. For more info, call (415) 648-3352.

• Personnel changes: Chen Yi joins the Women's Philharmonic and Chanticleer as composer-in-residence for the 1993-94 through the 1995-96 season. Rebecca Staup has been

Frank Does It Again: Keeps Rev. Lumpkin At Rights Commission

Despite a unanimous recommendation by the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Commission that urged the ouster of HRC commissioner Rev. Eugene Lumpkin, Mayor Frank Jordan decided on July 13 that the Reverend should stay. Jordan's decision came after a heated meeting between the HRC advisory committee and Rev. Lumpkin on July 12.

The controversy surrounding Rev. Lumpkin all began when he was quoted in the *SF Chronicle* describing homosexuality as an "abomination" before God, saying that "homosexuality ought not to happen" and implying that AIDS is the price of the "gay lifestyle." Outraged calls for Rev. Lumpkin's dismissal followed shortly. Supervisor Terence Hallinan called for Rev. Lumpkin's removal, and the gay democratic clubs and Lesbians And Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LAGADDA) jumped all over it.

But in a statement released July 13, Jordan defended his decision to keep Rev. Lumpkin at the HRC, saying, "Lumpkin is and always has been a staunch defender of the principle of human and civil rights for everyone." Jordan even said Rev. Lumpkin has "protected and advanced gay and lesbian civil rights."

LAGADDA member Gwenn Craig acknowledges that Rev. Lumpkin is no Jesse Helms, but that "does not make him a Ted Kennedy." Craig argues that Rev. Lumpkin's comments show that he is not qualified to serve on the commission: "It is a long road that people travel on the way to understanding. It sounds like he has made some steps along that road, but what we need on the commission are people who have arrived. He should realize that he has not arrived there yet."

"Dismayed," is how lesbian HRC commissioner Jeanette Lazam feels about Jordan's decision. She says Lumpkin's comments were inappropriate for a human rights commissioner. "A commissioner has the right to political beliefs. Lumpkin said this is what he preaches in church, but the fact of the matter was that he said this in public."

Lazam argues that Rev. Lumpkin's statements could have a chilling effect on lesbians, gays, bisexuals and people with HIV and AIDS coming to the commission for fear their concerns will not be properly addressed. Sources inside the commission doubt that will happen because most of the clients served by the commission come there as a last resort, but HRC sources did say Rev. Lumpkin's presence may make gay, lesbian and bisexual groups reluctant to work with the HRC.

"It makes a mockery of the commission," says Simeon White, an advisory committee member who attended the July 12 meeting with Rev. Lumpkin. "One of the reasons I am outraged is that [Lumpkin's comments and the controversy they have generated] is expanding the tensions between the lesbian, gay, bisexual community and the African American community unnecessarily. And as an African American and as a gay person, I have a tremendous interest in this issue."

Rev. Lumpkin was out of town and unavailable for comment. Mayor Jordan's office did not return *SF Bay Times'* calls.

—Tim Kingston

Rev. Lumpkin at the July 12 Human Rights Commission Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board meeting. He refused to resign when the Board unanimously called for his ouster. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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Jeff White, Calif. director of Operation Rescue, rips the shirt of an abortion rights demonstrator in San Jose, subsequently having the woman arrested for disturbing the peace. The police refused to arrest Mr. White for assault. What's wrong with this picture? Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

selected as the Philharmonic's new executive director. She officially began her work on July 6.

• Volunteers are needed at Maitri Hospice, an eight-bed AIDS residence in the Castro. Maitri is unique in its home-like, relaxed setting and spirit. Volunteers offer emotional support, practical support and/or bodywork. Call Carolee at (415) 863-8508 for more info or to volunteer.

• More than 2,400 petition signatures protesting California's policy of not approving adoptions by unmarried couples were forwarded to the Department of Social Services in Sacramento. The signatures were gathered over the past few weekends by 15 volunteers from the Lesbian and Gay Rights chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California. The department policy prohibits social workers from approving adoptions by unmarried couples under any circumstances.

• Team San Francisco is an umbrella organization of all gay/lesbian sports in the Bay Area. The team wants to take as many athletes as possible to the Gay Games IV in New York, June 18-25, 1994. All Bay Area persons interested in being part of the games as either an athlete or a spectator must get their travel and housing deposit in now to secure a room. Call Winship Travel at (415) 863-2555. Team San Francisco's next general membership meeting is on Sept. 18 at 3 pm at Eureka Valley Community Center, 100 Collingwood St.

• Paul Boneberg, one of the founders of Mobilization Against AIDS in 1984, is stepping down as director of the nonprofit AIDS lobbying group at the end of July to fulfill his longstanding interest in forming an international AIDS organization. He will now devote time to the formation of the Global AIDS Action Network, which will coordinate the advocacy efforts of organizations in various countries to influence global AIDS policy and programs.

• Here's the lineup of folks recently appointed to the Police Commission by newly elected Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan: a rabbi, a queer activist, a Black lawyer, a Latino business leader and a San Fernando Valley car dealer. Says Riordan, "As I promised from day one, my administration will reflect the ethnic diversity of this city." What ethnic diversity does a car dealer reflect?

• Two queer groups, the Chicago-based Queer Nation and the New York Boycott Colorado, protested the relocation of Schwinn Bicycle Co. to Colorado from the Windy City. Last November, Colorado passed the nation's first statewide anti-gay-rights legislation, Amendment 2. A company spokesperson says that protests will not change the inevitable move. He says that Boulder, Colo., site of the relocation, is a liberal city that voted to overturn Amendment 2, an argument that does not cut ice with the boycott folks. Stay tuned.

• Two dykes in Orlando, Fla., aren't wishing upon a star, as the nearby Disney World might recommend, but doing something about their desire to be married: they're suing the state of Florida. Says Shawna Underwood, "I want a legal marriage just like other couples have." The two women may have to fly to Hawaii, where a court has recommended the legalization of gay marriages. Both state decisions are still pending.

Bits & Pieces II: National

• Organizers of PrideFest Philadelphia have announced that tennis legend Martina Navratilova has accepted the position of honorary chair for the 1994 event, which features book signings, panel discussions and arts activities. The '94 fest is scheduled for May 13-May 15.

•More Martina: In case you missed it, for her internationally televised interview following her heartbreaking loss in the semifinals at Wimbledon, Martina appeared in a T-shirt with a large pink triangle and the clearly legible slogan: "It Happens in the Best of Families."

• This should make the fundies happy: Michael Willhoite, whose *Daddy's Roommate* ruffled more right-wing feathers than any other children's book in two decades, is back with a new book that could make the Lou Sheldons lose more sleep. It's called *Uncle What-Is-It Is Coming to Visit!* and it's about kids whose worst fears are shattered when they actually meet their Uncle Brett. The publisher, of course, is Boston's queer Alyson Wonderland.

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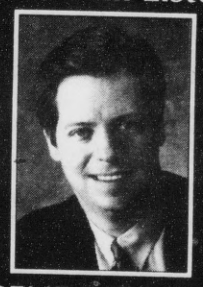

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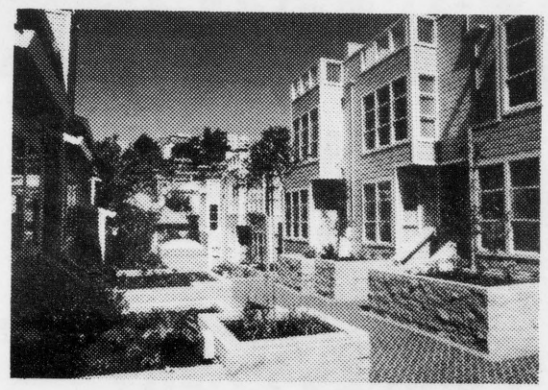

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Berlin: Long-Term Survival Studies Suggest New Treatment Strategies

by Dave Gilden

Many of those attending the IX International Conference on AIDS in Berlin went away disappointed at the lack of AIDS treatment breakthroughs. Disappointing reports such as the Concorde study of early intervention with AZT, and the apparent failure of the Hoffmann La Roche tat inhibitor, suggested that, at least superficially, science was going backwards. Yet the distressing state of treatment research masked considerable advances in understanding disease mechanisms in AIDS. Much of that progress came from studying the so-called long-term survivors who remain comparatively healthy despite many years of living with HIV.

Researchers cite three types of long-term survival. First are people who maintain stable levels of T-helper cells for seven or more years following infection with HIV. Within this group is locked the mystery of successful resistance to HIV. Elucidating the reasons for this success would probably yield an effective way to manage HIV infection.

In the second category of survival are people who stay clinically healthy although the T-helper cell population in their peripheral blood, at least, has deteriorated significantly. This group presents a dual mystery: How can the immune system still function without T-cells, and why does the HIV infection stabilize after it first escapes immune system control? A few people are even able to recover somewhat, with their T-cell counts bouncing upwards again.

Finally there is a group whose members are not technically survivors because they never became infected with HIV. These people have personal histories that indicate extensive exposure to the virus, through unsafe sex, contaminated syringes, or blood transfusions, but who show no sign that they are carrying HIV. The key to vaccines may lie within in this group's natural resistance.

The Berlin Conference included extended discussions of the basis for long-term survival. One obvious factor in survival is the virulence of an individual's predominant strain of HIV. But HIV's ability to evolve into more virulent forms after infection is of secondary importance if that infection is under control, since mutations cannot develop if the virus is not reproducing. Participants at the conference suggested that differences in personal immune function, genetics and psychology all influence how a person successfully counters HIV.

IMMUNE RESPONES

At the conference, Jay Levy described his experience working with healthy non-progressors. Levy's main finding concerns cytotoxic lymphocytes, certain blood cells whose usual job is to search out and kill cells infected with viruses. Levy has found a certain subpopulation that instead of killing its HIV-containing targets, secretes a still unidentified chemical that suppresses new virus production, leaving the HIV inside the cells locked in a latent phase. In long-term survivors, these cells' activities strongly persist well after they have declined in most HIV-infected people. Identification and synthesis of this chemical, which exists naturally in only tiny amounts, could lead to a potent therapy for controlling HIV.

Posters on African green monkeys supported Levy's observations about a soluble HIV-suppressing factor produced by a particular sort of cytotoxic lymphocyte. Several talks on "markers of non-progression" stressed the importance of other types of cytotoxic lymphocytes for long-term survival.

Two researchers helped explain what happens to cause cytotoxic lymphocytes' decline. There is a partial tradeoff between the cytotoxic lymphocyte arm of the immune system and the antibody-producing arm. Other infections or just increasing levels of HIV may cause the immune system to emphasize antibody production at the expense of the cytotoxic lymphocyte arm. Antibodies are good for fighting bacteria and free viruses, but for HIV their effectiveness is questionable. The rapidly mutating HIV replicating within cells is not much affected by antibodies, and its mutant progeny can escape antibody control even when released and floating free in the plasma between cells.

One poster described antibody activation processes in Africans with HIV. Another described detecting cellular immune defenses against HIV in antibody-negative sexual partners and children of Africans with HIV. Several other presentations also supported the particular importance of the cellular (as opposed to the antibody) immune response, in blocking initial infection in people with probable multiple exposures to HIV. In all these cases, people or monkeys consistently tested negative on the standard HIV antibody test, and usually also in direct tests for the virus. Yet an immune response did exist on the cytotoxic lymphocyte level, indicating past exposure to and successful containment or elimination of HIV.

These observations indicate that a treatment to prevent AIDS could be fashioned from immune modulators that switched or held the immune response to the cytotoxic lymphocyte mode. One suggestion has been to create a chemical or antibody that attacks IL-10, a natural messenger molecule in the body that promotes antibody production while curtailing the activity of cytotoxic lymphocytes. Another possibility is the administration of IL-12, which has been found to be low in people with HIV.

It is difficult to predict the ultimate consequences of playing with the internal balance of the immune cells' messenger system. Blocking IL-10 is problematic if antibodies are needed to combat a bacterial co-infection, for example. In addition, some researchers in a presentation at the conference proposed using IL-10 as an anti-HIV therapy because it inhibits the virus' replication in monocytes and macrophages.

One group of posters indicated that an alternative way to delay disease progression is to actively avoid contracting co-infections and aggressively treating those that do occur. Comments by many long-term survivors about ways they have improved their general state of health fit into this perspective. Certainly a study comparing the overall health status of slow progressors versus others with AIDS, and analyzing the role played by such differences, would be a very valuable addition to both community and scientific knowledge on how to delay the onset of the disease.

GENETIC DIFFERENCES

In San Francisco, the City Clinic Cohort was already functioning before the AIDS epidemic as a Hepatitis B study. Since then it has been tracking men with HIV. The study has built up a unique collection of blood samples documenting the course of disease since the late '70s. Eight percent of the 593 men from the group with well-defined dates of HIV infection are considered "healthy long-term positives"—they have T-helper cell counts over 500 despite being HIV-positive for ten years or more.

In analyzing this group, Susan Buchbinder found specific genetic differences that distinguished the non-progressors. These differences involved the "major histocompatibility complex" (MHC), a group of genes that determines certain cell surface molecules. The MHC molecules present foreign proteins extracted from invading microbes to T-helper cells and cytotoxic lymphocytes in order to activate immune defenses.

Immune system stimulation depends on the particular shape of the MHC-foreign protein complex, which must look like a foreign protein to immune cells. Since HIV's outer coat protein resembles part of the natural T-helper cell receptor, establishing a healthy immune response to HIV may be particularly difficult. People with MHC molecules structured in certain ways may pick pieces of HIV protein that are more noticeable to the immune system, or the molecules may present the protein in a more conspicuous way. And it is an individual's particular MHC genes that determine the shape of these molecules.

One poster related rapid disease progression to certain MHC genes that seemed to result in high levels of a certain class of antibodies. MHC genetic differences may well confer protection by the precise type of immune response they promote in the presence of HIV. Thus the observations about MHC variations fit in with the cytotoxic lymphocyte versus antibody conflict. Other researchers also found a striking detrimental effect in hemophiliac patients from a certain MHC gene.

Support for the idea that particular MHC genes have a major protective effect came from several other studies presented in Berlin. One described similar findings in a group of 122 men who have been followed since 1983. One type of gene seemed to result in slower progression early in the course of the disease, while later on, certain genes of another class were associated with greater protection against AIDS. Still others seemed linked with more rapid progression later on.

A study of a San Francisco woman found similar MHC genetic advantages similar to the other studies. The woman received an HIV-contaminated transfusion in 1981 but remains healthy and with no culturable HIV in her blood (although she produces HIV antibodies). An investigation of consistently HIV-negative female prostitutes in Nairobi as well as a report from a heterosexual partners study in California found an association between MHC genes and protection from HIV in people frequently exposed to the virus.

People tend to despair when the mention of genetic advantages comes up, because knowledge of such advantages seems to offer no help to those not so endowed. But use of genetic markers may help to determine who has need of early treatment and what sort of treatment to offer. MHC-based treatments are still in the realm of speculation, but might include cytotoxic lymphocyte stimulators or specific chemicals that bind to MHC molecule-HIV fragment complexes to make them mimic the complexes created by people with the more protective genes. Insights into the effect of MHC molecule shape may also contribute to the design of more potent therapeutic and prophylactic vaccines.

PSYCHOLOGY

Personal lifestyle is one aspect that is open to individual alteration in an effort to slow progression to AIDS. For example, one poster reported a close linkage between social affiliations and survival time at every level of health. Among the indices of social participation used by the researchers, the one measuring how actively respondents tried to help other gay men through the epidemic especially stood out. Social participation also appeared indicative of a group of other personality traits (optimism, social integration, lack of denial, health vigilance) that are considered to prolong survival.

Another commentary described a group of 53 long-term survivors of AIDS (three to nine years since diagnosis) in New York whose resilience in the face of adversity was typical. Even up to the time of death, these long-term survivors maintained a high level of enjoyment in life and minimal psychological distress. Reflecting the importance of social connectiveness, this study noted that the greatest difficulty the group's members faced was watching many of their friends die.

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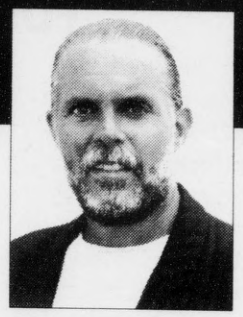

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The New York study listed the following as distinctive characteristics of long-term survival: Realistically acknowledging life's challenges and grieving the losses, reframing one's view of situations so as to keep up a positive attitude, maintaining goals and an active life, recognizing the value of social supports, developing a good doctor-patient relationship, and seeking an active role in managing one's own medical care.

In an unabstracted speech during a "round-table" session on long-term survival, another researcher described additional personality factors that contribute to staying healthy. He thought the "will to live" is central to survival and recounted how he helps build self-esteem and the ability to carry on a satisfying sex life after testing positive.

Note, though, that one poster from the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study in the U.S. found that psychological depression at the beginning of the study did not correlate with faster progression to AIDS or death. A Dutch study also found no effect on survival time from coping ability at the beginning of the study, nor was there any noticeable effect from unsafe sex or intravenous drug use, two other commonly supposed disease accelerators. Intravenous drug use also was rejected as a detrimental factor by an American study conducted by 17 American community-based research agencies that are part of the Community Program for Clinical Research on AIDS.

To explain the relationship between psychological factors and health, one might have to resort to the field of psychoneuroimmunology and the poorly defined relationship between mental processes and the immune system. But a large part of the explanation might be much more straightforward: People with more "resilience"—including greater connection to the outside social world and a more acute awareness of the nature of AIDS (as opposed to coping mechanisms based on denial)—may simply be more able to seek out and demand better medical care. Their greater health consciousness may also cause them to reform their daily habits in positive ways, such as improving their diet.

To cite a specific example, John Mordaunt, one of the speakers at the conference's final plenary session, is a long-term survivor and ex-heroin ad-

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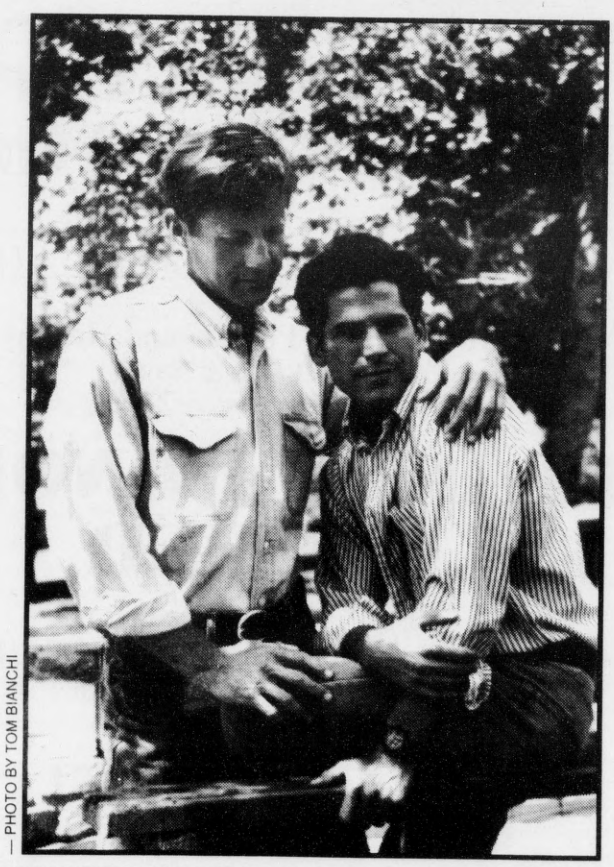

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• A case of extreme courage or suicidal impulses? A lesbian is running for the City Council of Moscow, Idaho. Kathy Sprague knows her lesbianism will be a major issue in the campaign, but also believes it is necessary to run. "I'm queer, I'm here, I was born here, and you better be used to me by now," she said at a recent first-ever gay pride rally in the city.

• In what may be a major revelation for many straight folks reading their AP wire service stories in newspapers across America, a story out of Chicago reports what every queer in this country already knows firsthand: teens have trouble coming to terms with their sexual orientation in a homophobic society. The article talks about some approaches being tried by school districts, including the setting up of a gay helpline number on student ID cards, and support groups for gay teens.

• Singer k.d. lang says in the latest issue of *Vanity Fair* that she always knew she'd be "one of the world's biggest stars." Lang, who appears on the cover in a men's suit, while supermodel Cindy Crawford pretends to shave her, is now an out lesbian. And we're glad.

• Louis D. Enoff, acting commissioner of Social Security, has announced new rules to update and improve the criteria used by the Social Security Administration for evaluating disability claims filed by individuals with HIV infection and other immune system disorders. The new rules were published in the Federal Register on July 2.

• OutWrite 93, the fourth annual National Lesbian and Gay Writers' Conference, will take place in Boston during the weekend of Oct. 8-10 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers. It's sponsored by Bromfield Street Educational Foundation and *Gay Community News*. For info, call (617) 482-4042.

• Warner Brothers has decided that, effective Aug. 1, it will offer health insurance coverage to same-sex domestic partners. The decision follows a similar one by Time Warner subsidiary Home Box Office. MCA/Universal last year was the first industry employer to extend domestic partners benefits.

July 5 Lift the Ban demo at the Moscone Center: Inside, Clinton was warmly received by the NEA; outside, there were violent arrests. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

• The National Lesbian and Gay Journalists' Association will hold its second annual conference in New York Sept. 10-12. Speakers will include Deb Price, the nation's first sydicated lesbian columnist; and James B. Stewart, Pulitzer Prize winner and former Page One editor of the *Wall Street Journal*.

• Harry Taylor, former New York fashion and fragance advertising manager for *Spin*, has been named associate publisher of *Out* magazine, the successful general-interest bimonthly queer publication out of New York. Taylor, who lives in Manhattan, previously served as *Out*'s ad director.

• Daniel Zingale has been named Public Policy Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian/gay political organization. Zingale most recently served as the managing director of government affairs for the American Psychological Association, and earlier served as deputy state controller of the State of California, the highest ranking openly gay state official in the country's largest state.

• The Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) is still at it. The group is targeting for defeat 14 legislators who support a bill opposing its anti-gay-rights initiatives, recently passed in four counties and two cities. Having passed the House, the bill is pending in the Senate. Meanwhile, a gay man is suing the OCA for making his three children their poster kids in one of its flyers that attacks queers. It seems the man's ex-wife supplied the OCA with the photo and copy for the flyer, which asks folks to write in to the judge who signed a joint-custody agreement.

• Fundies in Jefferson City, Mo., received a blow to their efforts to pass a constitutional amendment prohibiting so-called extra government protection for homosexuals: the attorney general's office nixed the petition form because it didn't spell out the counties where signatures would be gathered. But the chief fundie, Kerry Messer, says his organization will resubmit the petition.

• Northeastern University will be offering domestic partners benefits. It joins other institutions of higher learning, such as Harvard and Stanford, in offering such benefits to the partners of gay/lesbian couples.

• Bloomington, Indiana, recently passed a gay rights law that is largely symbolic since the state limits the powers of municipalities. But the City Council also approved a resolution calling on the state to pass anti-discrimination legislation, or to allow local government more enforcement powers over discriminatory practices.

• Santa Fe's first out dyke legislator, Sen. Liz Stefanis, a Democrat, led off the city's gay pride parade. "It's part of my life," parade grand marshal Stefanis said.

Bits & Pieces III: International

• U.S. women pushing for a bill in Congress that would count unwaged work in the Gross National Product, got a boost recently when the European Parliament adopted a report calling for European Commission governments to qualify and value women's unwaged work and include it in their gross national product. The report is now being forwarded to the European Commission which can issue a directive to member states to implement it.

• Masha Gessen, a Russian-born San Francisco-based activist and journalist, flew to Moscow July 5 to help launch an intensive campaign to restore freedom and rights to men imprisoned under Article 121.1, Russia's recently repealed sodomy law. The mission is underwritten by the San Francisco-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.

• A gay police officer is the latest addition to the team of experts trying to find the serial killer who has targeted gay men in London. Detective Chief Superintendent Ken John says that important information can be gotten from a source close to the gay community. The gay officer prefers to remain anonymous. Five men have been murdered by the killer, who makes calls to newspapers and police after the murders.

Associated Press also contributed to this report. ✿

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Queer Monoculture On Parade

A few weeks before the last Sunday in June, Marlon Riggs, internationally renowned, award-winning film producer, received a letter confirming him as Grand Marshal of the 1993 SF Gay Pride Parade, signed by Allen White, SF Gay Pride Parade Media Co-ordinator. White's letter stated, "We want this experience to be memorable." It was.

A few days prior to the parade, Riggs and his lover of 14 years, Jack Vincent, received a call from Kent Schuelke, Parade Media Chair, to confirm the number of people in his party, the arrival time of the limousine that would be sent to pick them up, and "what his needs would be" the day of the parade. Riggs was to share the honor of being grand marshal with gay Navy man Keith Meinhold and lesbian/activist/SF School Board Member Angie Fa.

Vincent, who has been fielding many questions, arrangements and decisions for Riggs lately, told Schuelke there would be three to four people in Riggs' party—so there should have been no surprise when Riggs arrived at the parade site. "Marlon has not been in the best of health. He has AIDS as well as kidney failure. His weight is down to 119 pounds," said Vincent. But this occasion was something special he wanted to enjoy and remember.

Vincent tells the story of that last Sunday in June. "I prepared a bag (for him) with a light jacket, some water, and some Ensure, in case he needed it. The limo picked us up. When we arrived at the starting point before the parade began, we were shown to the car in which we were to ride. The driver of the car was not introduced. He did not introduce himself, and we were just standing there. So, I took the lead and introduced our party," Vincent recalled.

Vincent: "Can we get in?"

Driver: "How many are there?"

Vincent: "There are four of us."

Driver: "I was told there would just be one. I can only take one. And don't touch my car like that!"

Vincent: "Well, can Marlon sit on the trunk?"

Driver: "No, he cannot. I think there's a problem here, and I don't think you are showing enough respect for me and my car!"

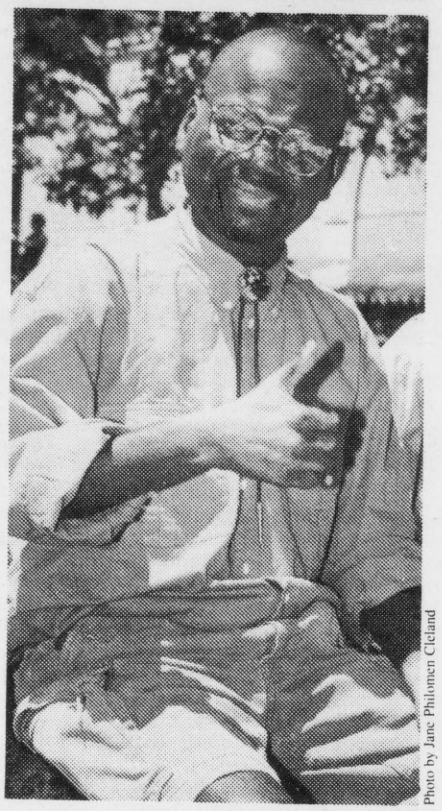
Most prominent figures in parades sit on the trunk in order to be seen—especially grand marshals. Riggs is only 5'3" and Vincent had some legitimate concerns about whether he would be seen if he had to sit in the back seat alone.

Everyone in Riggs' party looked perplexed and caught off guard by the sudden escalating hostility toward the guests of a grand marshal and the grand marshal himself. No one knew exactly where to go or what to do. And the parade was starting!

Vincent: "Well, I think the grand marshal deserves more respect than the driver or his car."

Driver: "Well, there are gays, and there are fucking queers, and that's what you are! Get out of my car!"

These words were directed at Vincent and Grand Marshal Riggs, who was the only one seated in the driver's car. Incredulous, Riggs left. Riggs is slow to anger. But for the driver of the grand marshal to order the grand marshal out of his car, insult his guests, call the lover of the grand marshal "queer" in the Year of the Queer Parade was too much for Vincent.



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No one was on hand from the parade committee to welcome the grand marshals and make certain everything went according to plan. And why was that? A young monitor, a scrubbed-faced white dyke, suggested to the Riggs party that they apologize before understanding what was going on.

"One of the few heroes of the day was Keith Meinhold. He graciously offered his car and driver to Marlon, which we accepted. Meinhold and company then went to get Keith's personal car which they used in the parade," Vincent observed. So what can we learn from this queer scenario?

SO MANY RAISINS IN A SEA OF SOUR CREAM

There were noticeably fewer African-Americans participating in "The Year of the Queer" or even watching "The Year of the Queer" this year in San Francisco, as compared to New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago or even Atlanta. This is not so queer when one considers the relative absence of significant activism of African Americans in most San Francisco lesbian/gay organizations. We all go where we are wanted and feel welcome. And there is a price to be paid when any of us is isolated, demeaned or ignored.

The only hug this writer received during the entire parade was from Blackberri, another Black gay male. The quality of the "gay" experience—let alone the "queer" experience—can be viscerally different for non-whites. Plus, much of the fun has been replaced with politics and pathos and, understandably, the issues of our times.

Acknowledgement of this writer from three to four whites came in the form of a nod or a hello. This writer stood watching the parade for one-and-a-half hours without seeing a familiar face after living in San Francisco for 15 years. Some of the reasons for this are: AIDS, the word queer, and factionalism within the community. Part of what Black gay activists complain about is the diminishing socialization in our community between races, age groups, income groups, etc. We are more polarized, less interactive than before.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE

Part of the problem is that whites assume American Blacks will always be there, no matter what they do, because we always have been there. Some white liberals assume everything will work for Blacks in the same way as it does for them. And it doesn't. Why entrust Marlon Riggs to some unknown, untested hothead from South Bay Drive Shafts (a gay auto club)? What screening took place? What kind of professional coordination is that? Why was the parade committee unaware of racist tendencies among their volunteers working with VIPs—especially those who could cause an incident or have become a problem? Another solution might have been for Riggs and company to knock the driver on his ass and have gone home.

Whites may not even be aware of the different values and cultural imperatives at play between us, let alone appreciate them. Most whites are too comfortable with their own racism and the racism which exists among them. Often whites are not careful to see that racism is diffused and contained when in polite company; that Blacks who do participate in the gay community are protected from the worst that community has to offer.

Many gay whites are willing to accept Black invisibility and Blacks having second-class status. Many gay whites are appalled that Magic Johnson's having AIDS has become significant to mainstream America in ways that gay white men dying of AIDS has not. They are accustomed to being more important than Blacks and disquieted by the realization that they, too, have secondary status.

In our society, instead of a melting pot, we view difference as identification of the enemy, as evidence of those who encroach upon our territories, our fiefdoms of employment; who compete for our men and women; who disrespect our values and culture. Reality defines all people who do not look like us as outsiders. Many who are newly "out" do not understand gay history. The intrinsic value of being "out," choice in attire and mannerism, is owning who we are as community; not developing yet another painful, elitist hierarchy, but liberation of the spirit.

KNOCKING THE NOSE OFF THE SPHINX, AGAIN

The presentation of who we are within and without the gay community is political. And the white gay community is not serious enough about ending its internalized racism and this pretense that everything important emanates from whiteness; this pretense that we are a pluralistic society. That is why a new book, *Stonewall* (Dutton) has rewritten history in the image of the new plantation masters. Author Martin Duberman has wiped most of the Black, the Puerto Rican, and the truth from his interpretation of Stonewall and gay history.

Duberman portrays the main characters who liberate Stonewall and start our movement as middle-class, white and Jewish (one Black dyke); no gay Black men, but one Latino drag queen for color. Stonewall was not a middle-class pit stop. Whites who could muster the coins were off to Fire Island, P-Town or the Hamptons in the summer. And some who could not afford it hid and pretended they went. Stonewall was not about some white girls having Campari with soda together with some rough, ass-kicking PR and Black drag queens in a then not-so-trendy part of the Village, far, far off the Great White Way.

That is why "Prelude to Victory," the highly touted 1993 March on Washington documentary, completely ignored and omitted every important Black gay activist in the country who was there in Washington, as well as Ben Chavis, executive director of the NAACP, who made an important proposition to the gay community as a leader of the Black community, in favor of featuring some unknown, unidentified Black men in the crowd, some Black protestors against gays, some Hattie McDaniel look-alike singing gospel and rolling her eyes, and RuPaul singing and dancing in a blond wig.

Black images in this video were stereotypical and without context. These were the only images of Blacks chronicled for posterity by Girard Video, Inc., who clearly did not have a clue. Simplistic spins and buzz words replaced the complexity of cultural and economic conflict as yet unaddressed. The Black intellectual and spiritual contribution to March '93 was unchronicled, unvalidated and unrealized.

That is why *Drummer* magazine ran a "white power" ad. That is why nobody at *B.A.R.* knows or cares who the Blacks are in the pictures they run when they decide to run pictures of prominent Blacks at all. That is why *The Advocate* is whiter than white and does not reference what few articles they have run on racism in their index.

That is why, when white gays giggle at or ignore gay skinheads, racist remarks from other gays, and see discrimination going on but do or say nothing, they are complicit in the crime. That is why young white gays grow up thinking that the Aryan Nation and the National Socialist Gay League in San Francisco (a racist group) are okay, and gay white Republicans can run around disavowing race as a gay issue. Isolation makes the targets of the right wing much more identifiable and vulnerable. And that target is: The stars of the queer, monocultural parade—then you. ✿

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Letters...

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acid and Susan Faludi? When you say goodbye to Gloria Steinem and the pseudo-intellectual rabble of the past 20 years which has given feminism a bad name, I say, "Go for it!" but not in the same way the patriarchal society has screwed you. Stabbing other women in the back on your way up the righteous cause ladder is just as sickening as a preoccupation with careerism or bank accounts. Remember you wouldn't be able to voice such an opinion, flawed though it is, without the groundwork previously accomplished.

Oh, and the way you gave yourselves an "A" for naming yourselves is riotous. There are no nuances to a sledgehammer or an axe. What you did get right was the verb "hack." A Freudian slip of some kind. I don't care what you call yourselves, a trite name or not. I call this ideological suicide, a kind of kamikaze technique that injures the innocent as well as the guilty. It reeks of undeveloped intellect and reactionary predictability. In other words: useless to the cause of women's innate rights as living, sentient beings on this planet.

"The horror of being a woman in this country?" Would you rather enjoy the rights of a woman oppressed in a country that overtly condones religious sexism? Perhaps the United States doesn't give you the necessary "visual treat" of women bundled in sexually restrictive clothing and treated as currency to purchase herds of cattle. It's pretty bad here but let's keep a global perspective on the alternatives in other nations. At least here you can go on and on about your prejudices, gender fears and paranoia ad nauseam without the removal of your breasts or clitoris, as is the custom in those "right-on" oppressed cultures of the world. Without so-called constructive engagement (a pathetically verbose neo-academic phrase for talking to one another without screaming or guns), this country will fall prey to the power of a few straight white males who happen to control things like armies, hospitals, water supplies and food monopolies. Let's wake up: it sucks but we can't dream about a nation of women warriors—that's the same thing we have now, but with different genitals. I don't care what the dictator's gender is, she/he is still a dictator.

"Queer national style of confrontational politics?" I am horrified by the continued use of this hackneyed terminology. Should we hand our enemies the poison they will inject into us? Isn't AIDS enough to make people realize that we should not be fighting among ourselves? Especially such a poorly put argument as "We are women who will get what we want." So elegantly put in your embarrassing published dogma? I feel trite reminding you that what one wants and needs are two different things and are terribly hard to attain if you don't know what you want or need in the first place. Reality check!

Female emulation of male domination is not the start of freedom for women, or anyone for that matter; neither is reclaiming insults, self-empowerment through preaching to the converted or fanatical "discourse." Word war is just cheap and silly and most often ignored. There's always something disheartening about a group who threatens that they won't shut up. Something about closed mindedness and insecurity and childhood. Why don't you all get some pot, join a women's retreat and cool off? Then try to rejoin those of us who are truly working for decent human rights for everyone. Elitism is a style of fascism that is always in fashion. Let's hope that intelligent minds are used in creation and education rather than terrorism and wasted newspaper space. There is only one joke and it's on anyone who thinks they can mobilize a fascist, gender-biased nation to bring feminism to fruition. It's not a funny joke either.

James Dwyer
San Francisco

Inspiring (But Troublesome) Torchlight

Thanks to Damned Lesbian Collective for organizing the Dyke March. It was truly inspiring to look up Market Street from Dolores to Castro and see the whole street packed with dykes, and more still coming!

However, I can think of one improvement for next year. I was in the disabled contingent that led the march, right in front of the flaming torches. The torches were very dramatic and smelled nice to me; but some disabled people have breathing problems. At least one woman mentioned to me that the torches made it hard for her to breathe.

I hope that there will be a march next year—and every year—and that it will be twice as big. I also hope that the torches will be at least a block from the disabled marchers.

Rebecca Ripley
Menlo Park

Rainbeau's Sensitivity

I'm writing about the anger and the joy that I experienced on Friday evening, June 25. I had purchased a ticket to the Rainbeau Productions event, "Celebrate," held at the Kennel Club in the City. At the last minute, a friend of mine asked me to go to Berkeley to see the Olivia 20th Anniversary Concert. The concert began at 8 pm and the erotic entertainment (Celebrate) began at 11 pm. I thought I'd do both and, since my friend had purchased the ticket (her date was sick), I thought, "What the heck," I'll get two events that night for the price of one. (Celebrate cost me $10.)

I went to the Olivia concert really excited because of all the womyn's energy I have experienced at these concerts before. I'm always enjoying the people around me and the smiles from the stage and am especially interested in the lyrics that the womyn's music has to offer. I rely on these lyrics being sign language-interpreted as they always are at Olivia concerts. This concert—the 20th anniversary—must have been planned for over a year, and yet it was not made accessible to the deaf. I was so angry I left and went to the Celebrate event early at 9:30 pm, and decided to just get near a speaker on the dance floor and try to find other womyn to dance with until the entertainment (erotic dancing) started on the stage.

To my surprise, the producers not only had an ASL interpreter there, but a "special needs" area as well—right up close to the stage. They were very helpful and sensitive to me and others there and—although the show went on too long—the entertainment was some of the best I've seen, and I could understand what was being said!

Thank you to the promoters and the interpreters at Celebrate. Bravo!

Janet Franklin

Democratic Pride

I was proud to march with the Alice B. Toklas Club in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade.

Jesse Helms and Pete Wilson's Republican Party must be stopped in its efforts to discriminate against the lesbian and gay community. The Republican Party has a lot in common with Fidel Castro—they both discriminate against homosexuals.

The Democrats will work with the lesbian and gay community to help defeat Pete Wilson next year.

Bill Press
Chair, California Democratic Party

Thanks for the Party

A note of thanks and gratitude to everyone who attended the Castro Street Party the night before the Parade.

Our four local community organizations (Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association, Merchants of Upper Market, Castro Community and Business Alliance, and Eureka Valley Promotional Association), sponsored this event to provide structure and safety to what has become in past years a spontaneous outpouring of gay pride in what is without question the world's crossroads of the gay community.

While a final accounting of expenses incurred vs. revenues collected won't be available for a couple of weeks (at which time we will provide a full accounting to the community via local newspapers), we'd like to provide the following preliminary information:

The one-dollar donation requested upon entering the Castro raised approximately $15,500. Of that amount, about half is earmarked to pay off expenses such as providing police on an overtime basis, rerouting Muni, cleanup by the Department of Public Works and insurance.

After holding back approximately $2,000 as seed money for next year's night before the parade, which will permit us to provide much needed portable toilets, the remaining monies will be used within the community in the following ways:

A sizable donation will be distributed to local AIDS organizations whose volunteers helped staff the entrance gates, including the Life Center, Bay Area Young Positives, and Positive Resource. The balance will be made available to the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence (without whose help and expertise this celebration would not have been possible), which will help them to finance the rental of portable toilets for this year's Halloween festivities in the Castro.

Finally, we'd like to thank Ggreg Taylor for providing the music, and especially all of you who attended for helping make the night before the parade a fun and safe celebration that also raised some much-needed cash which will be put to good use in the community.

Bob Gross, President, DTNA
Barry Hermanson, President, MUM
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Hissing? Boo, Hiss!

The campy introduction to this year's Gay and Lesbian Film Festival featured a fire-breathing Olympian African-American man paired with an angelic white lipstick lesbian. In more than one program that I attended, this intro was *hissed*. At the screenings, I controlled the urge to scream, "You people are so tired!" But I must share my dismay with the *SF Bay Times*.

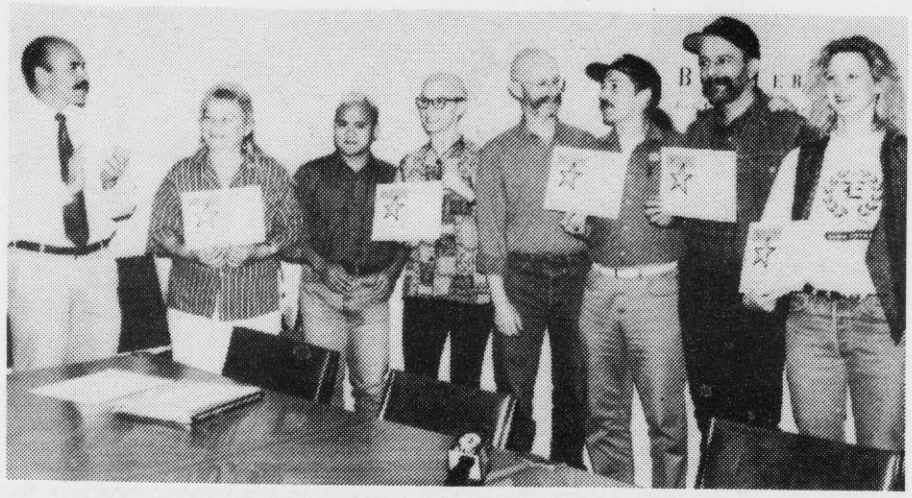
If the reason for the hissing is, as I suspect, the depiction of a man and woman together, I truly cannot believe the immaturity of my peers. What is repugnant about a man and woman together representing symbols of a gay esthetic? For gay people to hiss at such an image (because it's threatening?) betrays a surprising insecurity. Surely, at an explicitly queer film festival, we should be confident that the images presented are "our" images. Not only that, this reaction seems to belittle the love that gay men and lesbian women genuinely feel for each other.

There is no doubt that festival organizers selected a potent image (whether or not they were conscious of it). An African-American man with a white woman may conjure the taboo of interracial relationships; it can evoke the myth of the rape of white women by African-American men. Yet, the image also functions as a racially and sexually inclusive symbol, affording access to our bisexual brothers and sisters, for example.

In fact, the man/woman emblem chosen by the festival organizers did surprise, and it subverts the expectations we bring to such an event. That, to me, is what art is supposed to do.

And speaking of art and hissing, I learned a valuable lesson at the festival this year, encouraging me to vow that "as God is my witness, I'll never hiss again!" Here's why. At the *She's Safe* program (new lesbian safe sex videos) at the Roxie, members of the crowd were moved to hiss at these notable moments from three different videos: the lighting of an apres-sex cigarette, coitus between a man and a woman, and the application of perfume by a woman on her way to a hot lesbian date. I was at my wit's end. If people want to trash a video after the show, fine. If they hate cigarettes, men and perfume, they have every right to banish them from their personal lives. However, the imposition of their flimsy standards of political correctness on my viewing experience is not appreciated. I used to think that hissing was fun. I'll even admit to indulging in it at the previews for the last Woody Allen movie! But I'm changing my tune because the implications of this activity are disturbing. I realized that hissing at certain videos is like going to an art gallery and hissing at the paintings I don't like. As much as I may disagree with, and even hate, some art, I've concluded that people calling themselves artists deserve the courtesy of being viewed/listened to with respect. And if art provokes, that's good! Do we really want to live in a society that censors art for supposedly "offensive" images? Oops! Too late! It's already happened.

Caroline Streeter
San Francisco



The Coalition for Healthy Safe Sex hands out Awards for Excellence to worthy sex clubs. Winners: Mother Goose, Eros, SF Jacks, Blow Buddies and Ecstasy Lounge. Photo by Rink

Thanks From Frameline

On behalf of the board of directors and the staff of Frameline we would like to thank the many individuals and organizations that helped to make the 17th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival become the largest lesbian and gay arts event in the world, and the second largest film festival of any kind in Northern California.

The production of the Festival would not be possible without the overwhelming support Frameline receives from the community. We want to thank the 51,000 people who attended the festival to see 117 programs at seven venues—you are the reason the Festival is here. We are grateful and indebted to the dedicated volunteers who worked day and night during a record heat wave to make the Festival run smoothly. On behalf of our community's lesbian and gay artists, we also want to thank the lesbian and gay press for their thoughtful coverage of our programs.

We especially want to thank the Bay Area businesses for their monetary and in-kind donations to the Festival, and Frameline members for their donations; without this financial support the cost of the Festival would be too prohibitive.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in the Festival. Frameline and the Festival are proud to be a very visible part of the lesbian and gay community. We are here, we are on film, we are on tape and we are not going anywhere. Mark your calendars, submit your vacation requests, the 18th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival will be June 9-19, 1994. See you there....

Mark Finch, Festival Director
Jenni Olson, Festival Co-Director
Jill Jacobs, Frameline Executive Director

Who Gets It?

No, it's the "transsexuals" and their supporters who "just don't get it." Sylph and Elizabeth Kristen and Rachael Rosen and other dyke-loving separatists are not like the gangs of boys who torment and attack queers. They are the opposite and they are saying that we have a right to not be around those boys or *any* boys, no matter how they define themselves.

Males are the oppressors of females and all oppressed groups have the right to be with each other away from their oppressors—no matter how much our oppressors demand and lie and manipulate to keep on getting access to us.

Just because some of those boys who harassed and attacked us when we were young lesbians are now saying that they are lesbians doesn't change who they are. Boys will be boys and nothing can make them into lesbians. Tying on wings doesn't make them birds either.

We're here, we're dykes and you're not. Get used to it or pretend—with those who believe your lies. The rest of us know you for the oppressors you are and we want you to leave us alone.

Bev Jo
Oakland

Particular Kinds of Women

As a self-appointed guardian of the English language, and as a woman-born woman, I welcome Christine Beatty's letter ("Recognizing the Differences," *SF Bay Times*, June 17). Beatty, with Leslie Feinberg, is one of the few who can say anything sensible about gender in the unwieldy words available to us.

I like the idea of MTF transsexuals having a way to identify themselves as a particular kind of women (I will use the word "transwomen" in this letter). In many other cultures people can be born with male biology but be socially recognized as women (and vice versa) because there are ways in the culture and the language to recognize both realities. *Out/Look* magazine has published an article about the Hopi "man-woman" and about "Albanian virgins," women who were socially accepted as men despite their female biology. (They were not always happy about this, as it was sometimes their parents' choice based on the family's need for a son.)

The English language recognizes only two sexes, and only two genders. Human diversity doesn't fit well into these narrow confines, although terms like "masculine woman" and "feminine man" give us a little room to maneuver. I think it is vital for the homosexual/gay/lesbian/queer community to help the English language develop. It's not that we need more labels to slap on each other. We need two things: (1) language that reflects and honors our diversity and (2) to quote Leslie Feinberg, "Words so pretty we'd go out of our way to say them out loud."

We need language that honors our diversity because otherwise we waste time in pointless arguments about who gets to use which word. Fifteen or 20 years ago, there was a terrible struggle over adding the word "lesbian" to "gay" groups' titles, so that women would be visibly included. The more recent equivalent was adding "bisexual." I'm glad it's winning out, despite the longer titles being harder to say. If bisexuals can't be proudly visible as bisexuals, we get trapped in a never-ending argument about whether we can call ourselves gay or lesbian. This is not how I want to spend my precious time on earth!

There is a difference between a born-woman and a trans-woman. There are also differences among born-women: of sexuality, class, gender, "race," culture, reproductive ability, etc. There are times and places it makes sense to include only a certain subset of women; for instance groups of mothers, disabled women, African-descended women, etc. There are times and places it makes sense to include only those born female. However, the larger the group, the harder it is to be sure that everyone present was invited. Friendship networks and secret societies are able to screen members while growing. In other groups, once they reach a certain size, being selective about membership becomes impossible and therefore a waste of time. The only thing to do is invite anybody who is willing to adopt a given label for the duration.

I have lived through many changes of terminology, each with its own connotations: homosexual, homophile, gay, lesbian, queer. Each term is only an approximation of reality. Each eventually turns out to encompass different, sometimes incompatible groups. The process of discovering difference among the different is always painful. By being precise and proud about who "we" are we can save ourselves a whole lot of heartache and

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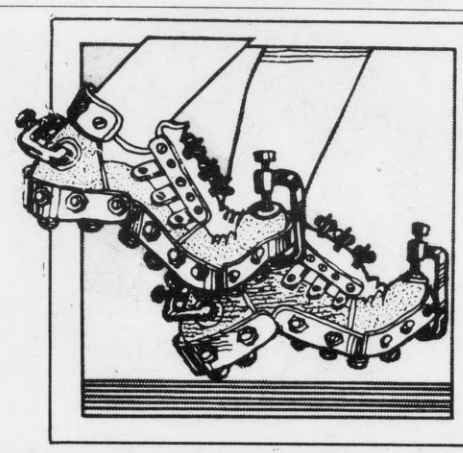

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headache.

With only the word "woman" available, it's hard to have any sensible dialogue between those whose womanhood is biological fact and those for whom it is a social achievement. The definitions of "woman" may not even be compatible. However, languages routinely force us to use one word for several definitions. We have to live with that fact.

I hope born-women will eventually accept that transsexuals have a greater stake in defining themselves than we have in defining them. Their philosophies of sex and gender don't have to make sense to us, nor ours to them (or to each other). I hope trans-women will eventually accept that there are legitimate reasons for any group, including born-women, to close itself to outsiders. If each group learns to speak for itself—and to listen to other groups—we have some hope of reconciliation.

Rebecca Ripley
Menlo Park

Rejection Is Not Oppression

With regard to Jennifer Farrar's letter ("Don't Deny Transsexuals,") in the *SF Bay Times,* July 1 issue; Like many men, he seems to have a hard time accepting that some lesbians do not welcome his company.

The problem is not simply that he had a prick—it's that he *is* a prick. Alas, this cannot be surgically altered. In fact, I have found that one of the most persistent of the sex-linked traits of men is precisely this refusal to accept the word "no" from women. Mr. Farrar relates his pain in being brutalized and ostracized by other males for being "different." Perhaps it will be a comfort to him to recognize that in this way he is not so different after all.

Finally, I suggest that Mr. Farrar try to work toward some sense of proportion regarding his rejection by a few lesbians. Someone who says she'd rather not hang around with you is not the same as someone who held your head underwater until you started to drown. Someone who writes a letter to the editor that makes you feel bad is not the same as someone who murdered six million people. These recent affronts to his limitless sense of entitlement are not the same as oppression.

Dana Schwartz
Oakland

Watch Out, Carole!

Carole Migden had better watch out! First came a *Bay Guardian* editorial (June 23) taking her to task for her proposals to reorganize the Public Utilities Commission. Then came Michael Colbruno's letter (June 30) defending her and calling the *Guardian's* ongoing crusade for utilities reform "petty" and "silly." With friends like Michael Colbruno, Carole should be careful.

Colbruno is, in fact, the editor of one of the silliest papers in town, the *San Francisco Sentinel.* Whenever the *Sentinel* takes a stand, it is for the pettiest of motives. Example: In the infamous case of police stealing copies of the *SF Bay Times,* the *Sentinel* defended both Frank Jordan and then-police chief Richard Hongisto (headline: "Support Jordan and Hongisto!"). The reason? Colbruno and the *Sentinel* can't stand the rival *SF Bay Times* and actually described the incident only as the removal of copies of an unnamed "lesbian newspaper." Everyone knows that the *SF Bay Times,* published by a woman and serving the entire gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community, is a superior journalistic enterprise.

Months later in a typical about-face, Colbruno and publisher Ray Chalker turned on Jordan and mounted an ineffectual recall campaign, claiming the mayor was "cutting off ties" to the gay community. But where was the *Sentinel* when the mayor's henchman Hongisto stole copies of that community's newspaper?

Maybe Michael Colbruno is now sucking up to Migden because he wants to be her press secretary when she's elected mayor. But history shows that any support today from Colbruno and his paper will likely turn to vicious animosity in the future. With friends like these, Carole certainly doesn't need enemies.

Mark Herman
San Francisco

CUAV Vs. Lumpkin

The following letter was sent to Mayor Frank Jordan:

This letter is to join in the growing protest against the statements made by Rev. Eugene Lumpkin, your appointee to the City's Human Rights Commission. His assertion that "homosexuality is an abomination," and his accompanying AIDSphobic statements are particularly disturbing coming from someone who is charged with upholding the civil and human rights of *all* the citizens of San Francisco.

We believe that it is in the best interests of our city that the commissioner be asked to resign immediately, given his apparent lack of regret for his comments. We further believe that it is impossible to separate his blatant homophobia and AIDSphobia from the work he is doing for the commission. His comments as well as his continued service on the Human Rights Commission only serve to undermine the work that our organization and the HRC have done and will continue to do in the fight against bigotry and AIDSphobia.

Community United Against Violence
Board of Directors
San Francisco

Lethal Lottery

This morning I witnessed a man being sentenced to death in Alameda County. For the court, it was business as usual. For me, it was a witnessing of violence in its purest, most "civilized" form. Nothing could ever be viewed on TV which would compare to the shock many felt in that courtroom today.

Is it any wonder that our children are buying into the myth that violence solves problems, when we are teaching them that killing people who kill people is right? By spending more money on prisons than on schools? All this while crime rates continue to soar. I believe that if Californians were educated on the facts of the death penalty, most would agree it is *not* the way to go. For instance, it costs much more to put someone on death row than it does to house them in prison for life. It is *not* a deterrent to crime and is racially and legally unfair. A "lethal lottery" if you will, that allowed at least 43 completely innocent people to be executed this century!

I am both ashamed and embarrassed to be a part of what has now become state-sanctioned suicide by a young man who, though he tried many times, could not accomplish the feat himself. For, until we as individuals change the existing law, each and every one of us is responsible for the scheduled Aug. 24 killing of David Mason. The blood is on *our* hands.

Cindy Loscotoff
Windsor, CA

The Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of N. Calif. Board of Directors, at its June 30 members' meeting and election. Photo by Rink

Once Hopeful

The following letter was sent to President Bill Clinton:

It seems like only yesterday when we, the members of Access Now for Gay & Lesbian Equality (ANGLE) sat with a hopeful presidential candidate and his wife and found a meeting of the minds, an understanding of the issues and a mutuality of commitment—ours, to do everything in our power to see him elected, and his, to work with our community to lift the yoke of discrimination. The first step, if elected president, would be the signing of an executive order lifting the ban against gays and lesbians serving in the military.

It is now almost two years since our meeting with you and Hillary. We met our commitment. ANGLE was the first gay and lesbian group to endorse you, was responsible for raising millions of dollars and mobilized millions of gay and lesbian voters who responded to your dream.

We are truly amazed and dismayed to see the man we believed in bend to the voices of bigotry. The reasons are irrelevant. The effect is devastating both for you in being seen as a man who makes false promises to win elections and to our community which will continue to be treated as lepers by the military and the community at large, which is being told that it is okay to discriminate. This is absolutely unacceptable and we beseech you to look into your heart, reexperience the pain of our community, and be a leader of courage in the tradition of Harry Truman, Franklin D. Roosevelt and John Kennedy.

Should you choose to join the ranks of those who are among our oppressors, please know that we will fight back with every tool at our disposal, that this community will not go away, that you cannot casually put this issue behind you, and that it is an issue of great morality that deals with the basic freedom of millions of people.

You looked us in the eyes and asked us to trust you. You gave us your word. You inspired us with your words. Anything short of your original proposal would be nothing less than betrayal. We have learned that perhaps we will have to seek other methods beside the political process to obtain our freedom, but rest assured we will attain our freedom, with or without your leadership.

Diane Abbitt,
Leslie Belzberg, Roberta Bennett, Howard Bragman, Richard Colbert, John Duran, Edward Gould, R. Christine Hersey, Scott Hitt, MD, William Melamed, David Mixner, Jean O'Leary, Skip Paul, Robert Sertner, David Wexler

Courteous Police

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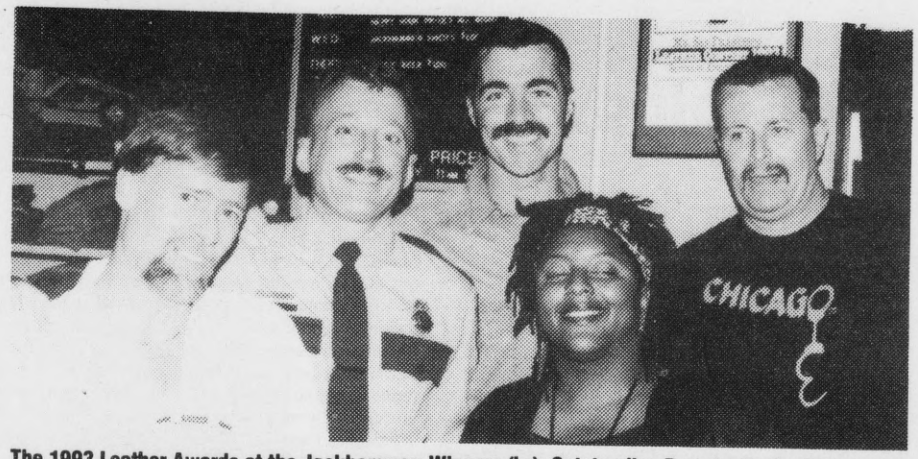

The 1993 Leather Awards at the Jackhammer: Winners (l-r): Outstanding Bar, the Eagle; Outstanding Organization, The Phoenix Uniform Club; Outstanding Leatherman, Lenny Broberg; Outstanding Leatherwoman, Queen Cougar. The Leather Excellence Award went to the Jackhammer. Photo by Rink

bers of the Alexander Hamilton Post of the American Legion and others with the Campaign for Military Service, marched from the Federal Building to Moscone Center to meet President Clinton. We would like you to know how much we appreciated your patrol officers who were deployed to escort our group. Your officers were very courteous and professional and a number indicated they hoped we would attain our goals of putting an end to discrimination in the military.

Society is made up of many diverse groups, all with different lifestyles and opinions. We who are gay naturally reflect the society we are in. And, in every society there are individuals who seem unable to make their point without recourse to violence. Sadly, violence occurred on July 5.

For the record, I have been asked by the commander and members of the Alexander Hamilton Post to state that none of our members, nor those who accompanied us, had any part in the violent and destructive acts. Indeed, we were even targeted by the same entities and shouted down when we sought to express our belief that every gay and lesbian person should have the right to serve in our military. We feel that to allow one government institution to discriminate—no matter what the excuse—is an invitation for other agencies to follow suit. Further, military discrimination flies in the face of the Constitution and the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy being proposed requires people to lie. The Honor Code of the service academies prohibits this. Most Americans are truthful people and honest people.

While we feel everyone is entitled to their opinion, and serve in our military to defend the rights of Americans in that regard, we are saddened by the events of July 5. We did not appreciate being called "killers" any more than our peers enjoy the distortions of those who seek to deprive us of our civil rights. We are people who are long pledged to nonviolence. We commit ourselves to that every bit as much as to the struggle of every American for emancipation.

You have shown yourself to be a fair man and a man of great integrity and courage by testifying on our behalf on Capitol Hill. For that, and your efforts within the department to bring about change, we thank you. I am sure you will find most in the gay community are appreciative too and will work with you.

Please would you convey this to your officers and also extend to them an invitation to join the American Legion's Alexander Hamilton Post. Our post reflects the community, too, and welcomes every person of good will who is desirous of having the kind of society which embraces equality and liberty, and which has a place at the table for everyone.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Cliff Anchor
American Legion, Alexander Hamilton Post
San Francisco

Corporate Raiders Close In On Headwaters Forest

Headwaters Forest in Humboldt County is a 3,000 acre ancient redwood grove. It is an isolated, undisturbed wilderness of 2,000-year-old redwood trees—300 feet tall and 20 feet in diameter. Headwaters is part of the 4 percent of California's ancient (old-growth) forests still standing.

Headwaters Forest is in danger of being clearcut. A clearcut is a 100 percent cut of an area of forest—leaving a wasteland of stumps—destroying animal habitat, eroding the soil, and causing landslides. When the timber industry replants on previously clearcut land, only fast-growing, commercially valuable, genetically similar varieties are selected. The seedlings in a given area are usually the same age and species. Dangerous chemical biocides are applied to the soil to kill competing vegetation. This process does not create forests. It produces tree farms which are not viable animal habitat and which are much more susceptible to fire and insect infestation than old-growth forests are.

The Headwaters Legislative Action Team has written a proposal for federal legislation to create Headwaters Redwood Forest Complex, a 73,000 acre ecological reserve. Most of the land included in the proposed complex is the legal property of Pacific Lumber, owned since 1986 by Charles Hurwitz, chairman of Maxxam Corporation. Hurwitz took control of Pacific Lumber in a hostile takeover junk-bond buyout. (Maxxam also owned the nation's fifth-largest failed S&L, costing $1.6 billion in federal bail-outs.)

Before the takeover, Pacific Lumber practiced sustained yield logging and never clearcut. It owned 197,000 acres, including some of the last remaining reserves of old-growth redwood. As soon as Hurwitz took over he began clearcutting old-growth at a furious pace, doubling, possibly tripling, the cut.

After years of public pressure, U.S. Congressmen Pete Stark and Dan Hamburg are working on legislation to buy 45,000 acres for the national forest (only Headwaters' 3,000 acres would be designated as protected wilderness), but Hurwitz has threatened to level Headwaters unless the price is right.

As more and more forests are slaughtered, there is less air to breathe, because trees and plants convert carbon dioxide into oxygen. For every 2.47 acres logged, we lose 98 tons of oxygen a year. The National Center for Atmospheric Research has found that we are rapidly losing the oxygen in our atmosphere. And since forests are critical to cloud-building and atmospheric moisture retention, destruction of forests also produces drought and desert.

We can't allow corporate greed to kill off 2,000-year-old trees, or the plants and animals who live in the forest.

Northern California Earth First! is organizing direct action this summer to defend Headwaters Forest. Elk River Timber Company is getting ready to clearcut 180 acres right up to the edge of the ancient forest, and Maxxam has filed timber harvest plans to clearcut around it. EF! is asking people to join in direct actions—blockading and tree sitting—and/or to attend hearings, come to demonstrations, and send what you can afford.

Write Earth First! at the Mendocino Environmental Center, 106 West Standley, Ukiah, CA 95482, or call (707) 468-1660. You can also contact EPIC to find out about the proposal to create the Headwaters Redwood Forest Complex at PO Box 397, Garberville, CA 95542, phone (707) 923-2931.

You can object to the 180 acre clearcut timber harvest plan (THP 93-096 HUM) and the Maxxam clearcut plans (THP 93-032 HUM and THP 93-091 HUM) by sending a letter to California Department of Forestry, PO Box 670, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. Also write your U.S. Congressperson asking her or him to co-sponsor Stark and Hamburg's "Headwaters Forest Wilderness Act," but to widen the bill to include the Headwaters Complex proposal.

Because of all the "eco-terrorist" imagery and misinformation that the mainstream media put out after the bombing of EF! activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney three years ago, I think it's important to add that Northern California Earth First! is nonviolent and opposes tree-spiking. I am not involved in EF!, but I've checked out the information in this letter with Ecotopia (Mendocino) EF! (P.S. I am not RachAel Rosen.)

Rachel Rose
Oakland

Animal Cruelty

Rodeos, no matter whose flag is flapping in the breeze, are just plain animal cruelty. Those who hoot and holler with joy while a baby calf is chased at full speed by a huge, angry-looking horse with heavy, dangerous hooves and then tied and dragged are not much different from the clods who cheer with joy at bloody bullfights. I wonder if they would respond to the suffering if the animals in the ring were puppies instead of baby calves? Calves are just bigger animals. Intense fear shows clearly on their little faces as their broken bodies are dragged—this is entertainment? Not one animal is there by choice. They are all prisoners enduring torture at the hands of their captors—for profit.

P. Strand
Berkeley

Suburbophobia?

As a person who lives in the South Bay, I am appalled at the bigotry against suburban queers that exists in the San Francisco gay and lesbian community. I spent Gay Pride weekend in San Francisco this year and went to both the Dyke March and the Year of the Queer Parade. But I have to say that the thing that will remain on my mind most was being treated like an outsider by people within "my" community.

When a friend of a friend asked my lover and me where we were from, we said we were from the South Bay. This person then said something about how the South Bay is almost like another world. We don't live on another planet. In fact, we live in a community where the mayor is *proud* to ride in the parade; where companies are granting domestic partners benefits at a faster rate than those in the City (percentage-wise) and where there is a wonderful gay and lesbian community center (the DeFrank Center).

I am sick and tired of being treated like a second class citizen by the city folk who consider us suburbanites less than them. I personally *like* my clean suburb better than any old dirty city street! And when I come to the City for a visit, I would like to be treated with equal respect. Let's teach a little tolerance!

Lisa J. Malachowsky
Fremont

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(astrology)

BY JACK FERTIG

Beauty and The Beast

Now who could be putting that little bulge in our britches, hmm? What planet could be putting that pushy little swagger in our walk, now who could that possibly be? Oh, I don't know... could it be that nasty little shit-stirring beastmaster planet... could it be, oh, perhaps, maybe...

The planet associated with the tarot deck's Devil card is Mars. It is the planet of individualistic acting out, forcefulness—yes, it could be war, but it is primarily externalizing energy. Right now he's in Virgo, so he's manifesting as surgically effective methodologies and bitchy attempts at wit.

Venus—the planet of beauty, grace and charm—is in Gemini these days, and through this week she'll be square to Mars, creating an artistic, playful tension.

Venus and Mars are of course very gender-identified. Venus' symbol, the circle over the cross, is the symbol for *woman*; Mars is represented by the familiar male arrow rising from the circle. In the old days (like before 1968) it was largely considered that women didn't act out their Mars, but rather it described the men in their lives. Men didn't show their Venus either, but rather found it in their women. Indeed, Mars pumps gas and Venus eats quiche. Healthy, balanced individuals can do both.

Venus and Mars are now in mutual aspect, but in androgynous, mercurial signs that invite playful exploration of gender issues. It's a great week to flirt, but don't start what you can't finish.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Very contrary to your usual reputation for blunt plainspokenness, you are unusually gracious and charming in your conversations these days. Perhaps some pleasant news has sweetened your disposition. This is a perfect time to hone your conversational graces. Perhaps some friend can play Henry Higgins, help you work on your manners and diction. Otherwise you will be tempted to help others, especially at work or the gym. Your help is very effective right now, since you are on a creative streak, but is it welcome? Probably not. You of all people should appreciate how folks like to go it alone. Harness that newfound grace and ask people if they want your help before you start helping.

TAURUS: You've been enjoying a spurt of resourcefulness, even beyond your usual talents. Investments can be very tempting right now, but be careful. On the one hand, your critical faculties are excellently directed toward financial matters, and you should be able to see right off any pitfalls or where you should have the most potential. On the other hand, you are now given to dangerous impulses. A physically demanding creative outlet or sport will help you to work off that impulsive energy so you can focus your acumen more patiently and effectively.

GEMINI: Venus is in your sign, giving you an extra helping of beauty, charm, and grace. You're looking at least a little bit better to all who see you. Well, almost everyone. Your roommates and family may have another opinion. Your extra dose of charm may be bringing you some extra duties as a host, so your rush of domestic activity could be impinging on their space. Creative negotiation should help, but you're likely to feel as if you're on the defensive and be tempted to retaliate. Sit and breathe deeply. Listen as you negotiate. Housecleaning is an excellent way to burn off energy that could otherwise get you into trouble.

CANCER: Resist any temptation to sit in private and write poison-pen letters. On second thought, write the letters, but don't mail them. Or better yet, change the names, and get them published. This is a delicious time to hide out and write terrible things. It worked for Truman Capote and the Marquis de Sade.... Well, it worked for Tru. Sort of. With the focus on yourself, the prose will be less livid. For 12-steppers, this is a good time to do a fourth step, but go over it a few times to make sure it's clean before you do your fifth step. For the rest of you, some self-analytical journaling could prove tremendously insightful. *Happy Birthday: Brendan Ward and Jim Gilman!*

LEO: Prepare to be lionized by your friends. This week can be wonderful for all kinds of social gatherings and political affairs. Just be careful—be *very* careful—that you don't get stuck with the tab. As much as you bask in the spotlight, the price of all that attention could get very high indeed. Money is burning a hole in your pocket this month, and even a simple shopping trip with a friend, a simple trip to the corner store, will end up costing more than you'd imagined. Your friends are probably not at fault. You like to show off, and more importantly you enjoy being generous. But can you afford it? Think ahead and shop alone! *Happy Birthday: Tommi Avicolli Mecca!*

VIRGO: Mars is in your sign, giving you an extra burst of energy. Right now you can easily focus that energy into looking good to your superiors or promoting yourself before the public. You should watch out for a tendency to offer constructive criticism to those whose favor you would curry. Not everybody appreciates such help as much as you do. Taking charge right now makes you look very attractive in non-professional ways and professionally. If you find yourself pushing too hard—as could easily happen—find some demanding physical activity to burn off that extra energy.

LIBRA: These days you find it all too easy to beat up on yourself. In all likelihood you're internalizing anger that somebody or some situation deserves more than you. You can easily find some comfort by learning to understand your anger within a spiritual or philosophical context. Anger can also be channeled into constructive energy. Your best bet would be to apply that energy to some charitable service. Again, spiritual or philosophic concerns point to the best application. You can find some activity through a religious/spiritual group or direction through meditation.

SCORPIO: This is a great time to live up to the lowest aspects of your reputation. Venus, the planet of love and sensuality, is in your house of ill repute, and she's square to that old beastmaster, Mars. Right now you have a special erotic charm that shines especially in group activities. Out with your friends or in political situations, you can channel your extra charisma into finding a partner for the chandelier polka or you can direct that energy into political ploys. Either way you can be easily tempted into a struggle which you will enjoy whether or not you end up on top.

SAGITTARIUS: Your energy is clearly focused on getting ahead, but so was Salome. You should be more careful. In your ambitious climb, you're all too likely to step on important toes. Your partner thinks you look perfectly adorable, assuming higher position and greater responsibilities, but such admiration can tempt you to clash foolishly with authority. Perhaps some erotic role play in which one of you is the strict librarian and the other is making too much noise... Careful though you should be, don't neglect opportunity. Talking strategy with a partner can be very helpful.

CAPRICORN: You're unusually outspoken all of a sudden! This is a good time to enjoy your work, although your enthusiasm could be a bit too loud for the comfort of your co-workers. In an appropriate setting, this is an excellent week to hone your public speaking abilities and/or your debating skills. While you're in the mood for a good-natured argument, others may not be so good-natured about it. Be prepared to apologize for unintentional slights. You can easily be lured into silly arguments. When you catch yourself in one, try to have fun with it.

AQUARIUS: Mars, the beastmaster planet, is wreaking havoc in your house of ill repute. Luscious, lascivious Venus is aiding and abetting from the house of creative entertainments. With your creative bents (and your bent creativity) that's a veritable multi-plex. Actually, Venus can be a good girl, and may be helping you to work out issues of grief through some artistic expression, but while she's square to Mars, expressing your creative side is much more likely going to be like walking on the wild side.

PISCES: These days your home is mighty comfortable, although it might be more so without your roommate. Now it could simply be that you're feeling spoiled and cantankerous, wanting things just your way. For all your domestic comfort, you're spoiling for a fight with someone very close to you. One way to get around that is to solicit the help of your partner (the lover or the roommate) in redoing your digs. It may take a little negotiating, but you can get a positive and energetic response. ✿

THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

coming UP

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The Underworld Opera Co. presents "Close Your Mind & Kiss Me," a space opera at the Somar Theatre July 29-Aug. 14. OnStage has info.

JUL 15 / T H U

How to Get that Appointment: Wkshop for women interested in getting appointed to state & local boards, commissions, special committees, etc. See 7/21. RSVP deadline is tomorrow.

Learn to Play Bridge! With Quictricks, America's only lesbian & gay accredited bridge club. Club offers 8-wk beginners' series (you can start anytime). For details call 641-4355.

Rainbow's End: Support group for queer & questioning youth spons by Spectrum, see 7/1.

13th Annual Jewish Film Festival opens today at the Castro Theatre, SF. Fest runs 7/15-22 at the Castro (415) 621-6120; and 7/24-29 at UC Theatre (510) 843-6267 in Berkeley. Today's schedule: Opening night benefit party. See *High Five* (US/1992); a surprising confrontation between African-Americans & Hasids on a New York basketball court. *Let's Fall in Love: A Singles Weekend at the Concord Hotel* (US/1993); a poignant & funny documentary about New Yorkers attempting to meet & mate at a resort in the Catskills. *The Shvitz* (US/1993); a look at the last century of urban culture as seen thru the heat of the last traditional Russian-Jewish steambaths. These films repeat on 7/24 at UC Theatre. For further information call the Jewish Film Festival (510) 548-0556.

New Horizons Group for queer adults ages 21-29 meets tonight, see 7/1.

At Freight & Salvage: Vocalists Kim Scanlon & Cyd Smith, with Nina Gerber. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

NY lesbian comic Sara Cytron in "Take My Domestic Partner—Please!" at Josie's Cabaret: Brooklyn-accented Cytron shares her queer memories (from being a young butch shopping with mama, to an activist at the March on Washington), commentary (the politics of women's bathrooms, the drama of lesbian bed death) and her dream of becoming the first lesbian president. Sharp & funny comedy show runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 7/18. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Straight to Hell. A homoerotic soiree celebrating the release of the new *Straight to Hell* ("The Manhattan Review of Unnatural Acts") magazine. Event features vintage projected images & videos from the Athletic Model Guild, editor Billy Miller, plus special performances by Keith Hennessey, Trebor Healey, Bill Brent, Marvin White, Johnny D and more. 9 pm, $5. Spikes, 139 8th St, SF. Info/res: 558-8112.

JUL 16 / F R I

RSVP Deadline for workshop for women who are interested in getting appointed to local & state boards, commissions, special committees, etc. Spons by SF Commission on the Status of Women and the Nat'l Women's Political Caucus-SF; see 7/21 listing for details.

IMA Summer Session II: Composition & Sound wkshop with Cris Williamson (songwriting), Tret Fure (sound), Mary Watkins (improv & composition), June Millington (chart writing/arranging) and Catherine Carhart (computers/composing). 7/16-19, $400. IMA Center/Retreat. Info/reg: (707) 876-3004.

LovingPartners: Wkshop gives lesbian couples support in creating mutually empowering, passionate, loving relationships. Facilitated by Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks. Info/reg: 572-1999.

Women's Wkend at the Woods: Today: dance with Lori Z. 7/17: BBQ & dance with Laney G (2-6 pm); followed by live entertainment & country dancing with Jo Jo Walker (7 pm-1:30 am). 7/18: BBQ, tea-dance with DJ Laney, 2-6 pm. Info/res: (707) 869-0111 or 1-800-47-WOODS.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm tonight & 7/23 in the Eastbay. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Historian David Halperin reads from his comprehensive new book, *One Hundred Years of Homosexuality*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Writing for Recovery," wkshop with Barbara Yoder, author of *The Recovery Resource Book*. 7:30 pm, $5. An intro to the use of meditative writing to free your creativity. Learn innovative journaling techniques that keep you in touch with your body, mind & spirit. Bring your favorite notebook & pen. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Dialogues with Madwomen. Premiere of documentary produced by the Academy Award-winning filmmakers Allie Light & Irving Saraf. Film documents the experiences of seven women of diverse ages & backgrounds, combining interviews with dramatic reenactments & visualizations of each woman's history, her emotional storms, dreams & memories. 7:30 pm, $10 gen'l. $50 tix include gala reception at 6 pm with the filmmakers & the women featured in the film. Proceeds benefit the Women's Building Capital Campaign Fund. Event cospons by the Film Arts Foundation. Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St, SF. Info: 552-3456.

Dark Shadows Society: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Celebrate the lives, times & deaths of the Collins clan. Video, potluck, fun! 7:30 pm. Info/location: Neil 255-7672.

Chanticleer 15th Anniversary Concert: "Old Friends, Old Favorites" is the theme of this reunion concert featuring singers from throughout the United States, and abroad. 8 pm tonight & tmw at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Jackson at Fillmore, SF. Info: 896-5866.

Unmasked: Four Faces of Queer—at Theatre Rhino Studio, see 7/15.

At Mama Bears: Night of music & satire with Monica Grant & Angela Motter. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

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SM Women of Color Mtg: "Creating a Panracial Outcasts, Pt I," a meeting spons by Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for women interested in SM between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. This meeting for women of color (African-American, Asian, Latina, Native American, Pacific Islanders, women of mixed blood and other women of color) is a nonjudgmental general discussion on the issues, feelings & levels of denial involved in being a woman of color involved in SM. The purpose is to assist women of color in gaining access to Outcasts & the education on SM presented there. Nonmembers are welcome & need not be accompanied by a member. Facilitated by two women of color, Queen Cougar & Dawn Robinson. 8 pm, $3 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Doors open at 7:30 pm. At the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. It could happen. Spread the word. Info: 824-8428. Women of color only.

NY lesbian comic Sara Cytron at Josie's, see 7/15.

Pure in concert at Slim's, 333 11th St, SF.

An Eve of Iconoclastic Terror with Danielle Willis ("Breakfast in the Flesh District"), Linda Serbu ("So You Wanna Be A Stripper") and Carole Queen (sex-worker, writer & performer). 8 pm, $7-10 SL fee. 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St, SF. Info: 255-8510.

Unmasked: Four Faces of Queer at Theatre Rhinoceros Studio. Sexy, funny, passionate & proud tales; written and performed by Toby Eastman, Judy Helfand, Henry Holmes & Don Chan Mark. Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm thru 7/18; Sun matinees at 2 pm. Tix $8-10. Info/res: 861-5079.

At Freight & Salvage: *Fog City Ramblers* reunion with Paul Shelasky. Night of great bluegrass! 8:30 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

At ATA: An evening of Czech animation, presented by Oscar nominee Michaela Pavlatova at Artists Television Access. Eve begins with live acoustic jazz by local John Ellis. 8:30 pm, $3-5. Program presented by the Prague Project as part of the Bridges of Understanding program, an ongoing cultural exchange between promoting contact between Czech artists and the West. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Klubstitute drag cabaret, hosted by Diet Popstitute & David Hawkins. Tonight's theme: Teenage Wasteland. Music with *Angel Corpus Christi* and *Frog Sandwich*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. Studio Four, 2702 18th St at York, SF. Info: 863-0582.

Michael Kearns presents "Paul Capsis & A Pack of Divas." Australian performer Paul Capsis, "the ultimate diva, an electrifying performer & superb actor who can bring to life any red-hot mama you'd care to name," impersonates Janis Joplin, Bette Midler, Tina Turner, Shirley Bassey, Prince & Michael Jackson in a gender-crossing, outrageous show at Josie's Cabaret. 10 pm, $10. Info/res: 863-7933. 3583 16th St, SF.

JUL 17 / S A T

Mindfulness, Meaning & Medicine: The use of meditation in healthcare; a conference spons by the Program in Medicine & Philosophy, California Pacific Medical Center and Spirit Rock Meditation Center. Provides an intro to Mindfulness Meditation, including mindful Yoga, and its application in promoting health & healing. Includes direct experience of meditation & yoga, presentation of research findings on benefits of meditation for those with chronic illness or pain, and in sustaining good health; discussion of case studies using meditation in conjunction with traditional medical treatment, plus exploration of how meditation can benefit the caregiver as well as the patient. Speakers/presenters: Syvia Boorstein, PhD, LCSW, member of Spirit Rock teaching faculty; Chris Nelson, RN, VNA Home Care; Marc Lieberman, MD, Buddhist scholar; Larry Freeman, MD, Integrated Healing Arts; Paul Sibey, MA, Integrated Healing Arts. 9 am-5 pm, $85. For info/reg: 202-1562.

IFP Third Annual Film Industry Trade Fair: The Independent Feature Project presents its third fair at Ft Mason Center, Building A, SF. 9:45 am-5 pm, $8. Local film companies attend as exhibitors, offering info about their services & supplies including labs, post-production facilities, equipment rental & production houses. Reps from the SF & San Jose Film Commissions also present. Info: 431-5890.

Out of the Closet & Into the Sheets: A day-long event for lesbian & bisexual women ages 23 & under; about our bodies, sexuality, relationships, sex and health. Come out for a day of talk, performance, workshops & information on women's health & sexuality. Topics include: coming out, racism, medical services for women, relationships, bisexuality, s/m, hot & safe sex, erotic writing, talking sex, surviving sexual abuse, and more. 10 am-5 pm, free! At the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St (btwn Valencia & Guerrero), SF. Spons by LYRIC, LYFE and Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Info/reg: 565-7681 or 703-6150.

Joyfire: Sound/movement improv wkhop for healing. Taught by Vicki Dello Joio & Debbie Fier. 11 am-3 pm. Berkeley location. Wkshop uses harmonics, toning, mime & martial arts as tools to focus on healing ourselves & the planet. Pre-reg required. Call (510) 654-3762 or (510) 535-2180 for details.

13th Annual Jewish Film Fest continues at the Castro (see 7/15). Program: **6 pm;** *Life According to Agfa* (Israel/1992, Hebrew with English subtitles); film spans 12 hours "a year from now" at a Tel Aviv bar owned by two attractive & independent women. **8:30 pm;** *Eddie King* (Israel, 1992, Hebrew with English subtitles); sexy, dark comedy about the Israeli dilemma of living as a Western outpost in the midst of the Arab Middle East.

"The Ritual of Eating," talk with clinical nutritionists Marg Cohn & Anusah Nakhura. Learn how to develop positive attitudes & make the transition to a healthier eating plan while living with HIV. Spons by the Brothers Network, a program of EACH. 944 Market St, Ste 210, SF.

BBQ-Tea Dance for Women at The Woods, Russian River, see 7/16.

Joyfire: Sound & movement improv wkshop for healing taught by Vicki Dello Joio & Debbie Fier. Use harmonics, toning, mime & martial arts as tools to focus on healing ourseves & the planet. Pre-reg required. 1-5 pm, Berkeley location. Info/reg: (510) 654-3762 or (510) 535-2180.

Children's Storytime at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

15th Annual Mateel Women's Music Festival: 1 pm-10 pm at Beginnings in Briceland. Gates open at noon. Festival headliners: June & Jean Millington and band, joined by vocalist Lyn Vidal. Other entertainers include: Gwen Avery, Judith Kate Friedman, Barking Dogma, Flo Stigmata, The Clabber Girls, Ak'-awat Jezebel Bellydance Troupe, Kafo Djun Djun, Mendocino Women's Chorus, Michelle Petrillo, Anna Banana, Lani Porter & Kathy O'Grady. Lots of women's music & crafts. Tix $10-20 SL fee, 10-16 yrs old half price, those under 10 & over 60 are free. Volunteers needed. Please leave dogs at home. For details call (707) 923-9367 or (707) 986-7186.

See *Hot Safe Sex* video at the Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center. Video is free and open to all gay men who know ASL. Spons by DGLC and the Deaf AIDS Center of SF. 25 Taylor St, Ste 701, SF. Info: 885-2341 TDD, for voice use CRS 1-800-723-2922.

John Laird for State Assembly: Members of the lesbian, gay & bisexual community are invited to gather at the Rockridge Women's Center, 6065 Chabot Road, Oakl, from 3-6 pm to support John Laird's bid for State Assembly. Laird was one of the first openly gay elected officials in the US, and is the former mayor & former councilmember of Santa Cruz. $15-25 donation requested. Info: (510) 654-2021.

Meeting Men Party spons by the

Human Awareness Institute: Fun, safe eve of structured exercises & heart connections with other single men. Learn communication skills that will help you create intimacy. 7 pm, $20. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info/res: 239-7839.

Thank God I'm Female On Saturday! Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) celebrate at the Wine Cellar, Holiday Inn, San Rafael. Directions: Take 101 north to Freitas Parkway; turn right at 2nd light, continue on up the hill to the Holiday Inn. Bring your favorite tape or CD. 6-7 pm social hour, 8-11 pm dancing. $8. Info: Susan 892-0509.

NY lesbian comic Sara Cytron at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/15.

Summerfest '93 at New Performance Gallery: Two evenings of dance works by Ney Fonseca ("Queer Lives," a collection of three pieces exploring aspects of the gay/lesbian community, "Drama Queen," a solo character study, "Honey Mustard," a tender lesbian love duet set to kd lang songs; "Short Story," a duet about AIDS in a relationship); Duncan Macfarland ("Threshold," about the point at which a simple event becomes a memory); Liz Ozol ("Love Stories," an acerbic send up of Harlequin romance); and Deborah Slater ("A Hole in the World," exercept from a new work, a bittwersweet look at the relentles mechanism of dying). 8 pm tonight & tmw. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 863-9834. Co-produced by ODC/SF Theater. 3153 17th St, SF.

At Whiptail Lizard Lounge Alternative Dyke Space: 12-5 pm—Garage sale on patio. 8-11 pm—poker! Lots of women, music & fun, see you there! 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).

At Mama Bears: Laugh yourself silly with comics Gail Head & Suzy Berger. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

"Old Friends, Old Favorites," *Chanticleer* 15th anniversary concert at Calvary Presbyterian, see 7/16 listing for details.

Queer Fashion at ATA: See *Framing Lesbian Fashion*, a look inside the soul & psyche of lesbian consciousness, seen thru the shifting panorama of lesbian dress codes from the '20s to the present. Film shows the unique language of sexuality & gender politics within the ever-evolving realm of dykedom. Director Everett & producer Phyllis Christopher will be present at the screening. Also see *Aliens Cut My Hair*, a zany campy escapade into the flamboyant galaxy of homosex sci-fi parody; plus *Mr Tambourine Man*, a loving musical tribute to both hippie-kitsch and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Videomaker Michael McIntosh will be present to dispense cosmic knowledge & hair tips. 8:30 pm, $3-5, tonight & tmw. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 834-3890.

At Freight & Salvage: A capella double bill with *Corner Market* and *Quintessence*. 8:30 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Night of Improv Comedy with Metropolis, at Marina Music Hall, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. 2nd floor. 8:30 pm, $8. Info/res: 563-2496.

Afterworld Lounge, alternative musical realities at Studio Four, presented by Lexa Walsh. Music with *Toiling Midgets* and *Gift Horse*. 8:30 pm-midnight, $4. 2702 18th St at York, SF. Info: 863-0582.

Funny Ladies Comedy Night II at Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Lots of laughs with comics Karen Ripley, Maureen Brownsey and Lisa Geduldig. 8:30 pm, $9-12. Also open mike, so all you funny ladies make sure to come early & sign-up! Doors open at 8 pm. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info/res: (408) 293-9372.

Unmasked: Four Faces of Queer—at Theatre Rhino Studio, see 7/15.

Kate Beck's Original Open Mike Night at the Tea Spot Cafe: Music, comedy & more by professional entertainers polishing new material as well as local favorites. Most of the acts are prebooked and the show is videotaped. Tonight's guests include funnywoman Monica Grant, songstress Tivela, techno-funk band *Dingo Band* and others. 9 pm, $6. If you come early & have dinner, you get a $2 discount off the price of the show. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 481-5228.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio: Latin rock with *Malo*. 10-2 am, $12. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

JUL 18 / SUN

13th Annual Jewish Film Fest at the Castro Theatre (see 7/15). Program—**11 am:** *Family Prayers* (US/1992); from the producers of *Home Alone* and *Mystic Pizza*, a moving story about growing up in a family that is breaking down; shown with *The Good Deed* (US/1992); a funny & soulful student film about a Bar Mitzvah boy & his family as they prepare for the big day. **1:30 pm:** *The King of Crown Heights* (US/1992); Misha, a down-on-his-luck Russian immigrant in Brooklyn who wanders into the strange world of the Hassidic community. Shown with *Moise* (Canada/1991), A young Hassidic couple who have been unable to conceive a child discover an abandoned infant on their doorstep. **3:30 pm:** *Deaf Heaven* (US/1992); Paul, whose partner is dying of AIDS, meets Jake, a survivor of Auschwitz, at an LA health club. Jake tells stories of love, survival & the importance of bearing witness. *The Fire This Time* (US/1993), film focuses on the differing viewpoints of four South Los Angeles African-Americans who react to a Jewish victim of the violence. **5:30 pm:** *We Are Going to America* (Russia/1992); film about one family's journey out of the shtetl & into a world of unknowns. *The Promised Land* (Poland/1974) in the city of Lodz at the end of the 19th century three friends, a Pole, a German and a Jew, team up to build a textile factory. This program repeats in the Eastbay on 7/25 at UC Theatre.

Muir Woods Area Hike with Marin Hike & Bike Club: Moderate hike out of Muir Woods along the dipsea to the ocean. Beautiful view of the coastline. Meet 11 am at the Muir Woods Visitor Center. Info: 807-2611.

Barefoot in the Park: A Benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund. Picnic! Games! Raffle! Delicious food! (steak, baked beans, salad rolls, dessert). Plus Mr & Miss Tavern Guild Contest kickoff—11 am-5 pm in Golden Gate Park (Peacock Meadow, nr Fell & Stanyan, SF). $5 donation. Spons by The Court of Diamonds & Spurs.

BBQ Tea Dance for Women at The Woods, Russian River, see 7/16.

At Whiptail Lizard Lounge/Alternative Dyke Space: 12-4 pm, scrabble. 6:30-11 pm, video night. 7 pm Whiptail meeting. Also non-alcoholic drinks, music & more. All women are welcome. 4035 18th St, SF.

Self-Defense Wkshop: Learn methods of self-defense that don't require physical strength. Topics include body language, handling verbal abuse, group assault, armed assailants, and use of everyday items (keys, etc) as weapons. Taught by Bill Deward, master instructor in Tae Kwon Do and rape prevention techniques. Today & 7/25, noon-4 pm, $75 gen'l, $45 stdnts. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info/res: 346-6040.

G Forty Plus Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Paul Hardman, commander of the Alexander Hamilton gay military organization of the American Legion, discusses his new book, *Homoaffectionalism: Male Bonding in the Military*. Info: 552-1997.

At Mama Bears: Bookparty for Phyllis Burke, author of *Family Values*. 3 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Contempo World Music at El Rio with *Mango Jam*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At Studio Four: Early show, with music by *Rhythm Pigs* from Texas, plus *Bouncing Souls* and *Lifetime*, from New Jersey. 6-10 pm, $5. 2702 18th St at York, SF. Info: 863-0582.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Marcy Darnovsky & Tom Athanasiou, contributors to *Socialist Review's* new special issue, "Environment as Politics," discuss environmental issues & activism. 7 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Celebrate the 14th Anniversary of the Nicaraguan Revolution at La Pena Cultural Center: Program begins at 7 pm with the La Pena Community Chorus, followed by a speaker recently returned from Nicaragua. Dance at 9 pm, to the hot tropical rhythms of DJ Sweet Waist. Tix $4-10. Proceeds benefit the Community Movement in Leon & Esteli, Nicaragua. Spon by Berkeley-Leon Sister City, Esteli-San Francisco Sister City, CHRICA, Elders for Survival, La Pena, Nicaragua Center for Community Action & Science for Nicaragua. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 549-1387.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Gay/lesbian sexuality academic Simon LeVay reads from his book *The Sexual Brain*, an examination of the roots of sexual behavior. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

NY lesbian comic Sara Cytron at Josie's Cabaret—final show! See 7/15 listing for details.

Summerfest '93: Dance works at New Performance Gallery, see 7/16 listing. Final night!

At Mama Bears: Reading by Phyllis Burke, author of *Family Values*. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 3 pm. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At Freight & Salvage: Album release celebration with new Bay Area bluegrass band *Due West*. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Queer Fashion at ATA: Night of engaging film at Artists Television Access, see 7/17 listing for details. Final show!

At Cafe Du Nord: *Mini Pearl Necklace* with gender-bending celebrant Rodney O'Neil Austin, "Christine" (aka Troy from *Myself a Living Torch*) & Eric Schultz. Also appearing: *Zzamboni*, ethnic warriors of polka pop; Juan the Snake Dancer and composer/pianist Annie Sajdera. Emcee Derek Felton. 8:30 pm, $2. 2170 Market St at Sanchez.

Unmasked: Four Faces of Queer—at Theatre Rhino Studio. Final show! See 7/15.

JUL 19 / MON

Marin Diners Club: Today's the deadline to reserve for this Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) event, see 7/22 listing for details.

Corporate Update on Berlin Int'l AIDS Conference: Leaders from over 30 of SF's largest companies gather to hear the latest available AIDS information from the recent Berlin conference. This annual AIDS Update Luncheon, hosted by Chevron Corporation and the SF AIDS Foundation, offers the business community a concise & current perspective on the AIDS/HIV pandemic. Topics to be addressed include: medical/treatment trends, relapse issues, invasive procedures protocol, gay/bisexual youth and legislative & policy issues. 11 am at Chevron, 575 Market St, SF. Info: Jeff Ward at the AIDS Foundation, 864-5855 ext 3063.

The Man Who Took A Bite *Out of His Wife & Other Stories*: award-winning lesbian author Bev Jafek reads from her first collection of short stories. 12:30 pm at Alexander Book Co, 50 2nd St, SF. Other Bay Area readings: 7/21 at 7:30 pm at Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino, Menlo Park. 7/23 at 6 pm at Brentano's, 5th & Market Sts, SF.

13th Annual Jewish Film Fest continues at Castro Theatre (see 7/15). Program—**5:30 pm:** *First Convoy* (France/1992, French with Eng sub); film challenges French denial of involvement with war crimes as it traces the steps of the first 1200 Jews deported from France to Auschwitz in 1942; of the 20 surviving Jews, 12 give testimony. **7:30 pm:** *Through the Veil of Exile* (Israel/1992, Eng & Arabic with Eng sub); extraordinary Israeli documentary about three Palestinian women focuses on the personal effects of politics. **9:30 pm:** *Korczak* (Poland/1990, Polish, Eng sub). Film by the director of *Europa, Europa* is a tribute to Janusz Korczak, the famous physician, writer & teacher who fought for several years to protect 200 orphaned children in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Bi-Friendly SF meets today & 7/26 for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! For time & other info call Pierre 648-6332.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Dennis Tedlock, translator of *Popol Vuh: The Mayan Book of the Dawn of Life*, discusses his work *Breath on the Mirror: Mythic Voices & Visions of the Living Maya*, describing how Mayan stories & myths are told today, an intro to an oral & written literature that is both ancient & remarkably fresh. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Karen Ripley. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. Info: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

Monday Night Marsh series presents new work by both new & seasoned performers at The Marsh. Tonight's lineup: Kari Ann Owen's "An Exact Quality of Light," David Roche's "The Church of 80 Percent Sincerity," SF Shakespeare Festival Workshop's "A Wedekind Cabaret," translated by Eric Bentley, and Liz White's "Inner Personal". 8:30 pm, $6. 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

Steal This Show: *The Nose* magazine presents an issue release party & variety benefit show for editor Jack Boulware, whose home was recently burglarized. 9 pm at the Elbo Room, 647 Valencia St, btwn 17th & 18th, SF. Entertainers: Comic Bill Hicks, joker Johnny Steele & wicked Ian Shoales; plus music with J Raoul Brody, all-clown jazz band *Symon's New Blue Diamonds*, high-octane cocktail rock from the all-comedian band *Highball* and *The Nose's* in-house pot-rock band, *Rezzin*. Plus drop-in guests. Come have fun & share funds. And if you don't like Jack, come anyway & steal something.

JUL 20 / TUE

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets today & 7/27 for food, drink & conversation at Au Coquelet, 2000 University at Milvia, Berkeley. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome. For time & other info call Betsy (510) 548-7441.

13th Annual Jewish Film Fest continues at the Castro Theatre (see 7/15). Program—**2 pm:** *Farewell USSR* (Ukraine/1992, Russian, Eng sub); a young Ukrainian Jew ponders whether to leave his homeland in this hopeful portrait of the post-Gorbachev generation. *Chasing the Grail* (US/1992) An SF Jewish filmmaker's search for identity in Israel and in the United States is mediated by the Palestinian woman who narrates his story. **5:30 pm:** *Birthplace* (Poland/1992, Polish, Eng sub); shocking mystery thriller about a Polish Jew living in the US who returns to Poland to find out who murdered his father during the war. *A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto: A Birthday Trip in Hell* (Canada/1992), film gives a vivid picture of the Warsaw Ghetto thru photographs made by a Wehrmacht sergeant who celebrated his 43rd birthday by illegally photographing inside the Ghetto, combined with readings from Ghetto diaries. *With Raised Hands* (Poland/1991, silent); dream-like recreation of a moment in the Warsaw Ghetto. This program repeats on 7/26 in the Eastbay at UC Theatre.

Women's HIV/AIDS Update: A report by women on women's issues at the International AIDS Conference in Berlin. Several Bay Area women who attended the conference share their perspective on women & HIV in a panel discussion covering issues of treatment, prevention, new therapies & more; followed by question and answer session. 6:30-8:30 pm at 1855 Folsom St, SF. Spons by WORLD (Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases) and WAN (Women's AIDS Network). Info: WORLD (510) 658-6930 or WAN (415) 864-4376 ext 2007.

Weight Watchers Mtg at MCC-SF (Metropolitan Community Church), 4035 18th St, SF. 6:30 pm weigh-in, 7 pm mtg. Come join us! Tuesdays & Wednesdays.

Highlights from Berlin: Kaiser Permanente's HIV Public Education Forum presents a review of medical & scientific findings from the recent 9th International Conference on AIDS, held in Berlin, Germany. Discussion divided into a basic segment and several advanced segments. Each segment followed by a break. Presented by Thomas Sharpton, MD, FACP, Dept of Medicine. 6:30-9 pm, free. No charge or registration required for this meeting, which does not count as a medical office visit. Room 1200C, 12th Floor, hospital tower, Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr, 280 West MacArthur Blvd, Oakl. Info: (510) 596-6848.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men Discussion Group: Spons by the Brothers Network, a program of EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV). An open forum to discuss issues pertinent to the experiences of Black gay & bisexual men living in SF. Facilitated by Ernest Andrews, community activist and director of HOPES Program. 7 pm, 944 Market St, Ste 210, SF. One block from Powell St Muni/BART Station.

Shape Up Your Job Search: "The Resume." Workshop taught by Janet Warren, MA, of Jewish Vocational Services. Find out how to create the best resume for the job you're seeking. Discussion also includes cover letters & thank you notes. 7-9 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info/res: 346-6040.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by special guest model. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Break the Blockade of Cuba! Attend send-off of the second caravan to Cuba, bringing 100 tons of material aid from across the US. Political-cultural event features Chilean poet Alejandro Stuart; music from the Andes with *Grupo Markahuasi*; Puerto Rican salsera with Maria Medina Serafin and Puerto Rican nueva cancion with Ronaldo Rosario and more! 7 pm, $5-10 donation. Cesar Chavez School, Folsom St btwn 22nd & 23rd in SF. Spons by the US Cuba Friendshipment Coalition of the Bay Area. For more info call (510) 273-9199 or (415) 995-4678 or write: 3181 Mission St #14, SF 94110.

Alternative Health Care: "The Inside Story," acupuncturist Sally McMullen & chiropractor Dr Stephanie Weber discuss why they became alternative health care professionals. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Prostitution Forum spons by the SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women) Task Force on Sex Work & Pornography. Speakers: Carol Draizen, SF Pre-Trial Diversion Project; Mainhung Le, Asian AIDS Project health educator; Teri Goodson, taskforce chair & sex worker. 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Info: 469-6977.

Gender Scholar Marilyn Yalom reads from her new book, *Blood Sisters: The French Revolution in Women's Memory*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Foggy City Dancers (gay & lesbian square dancers) invite everyone to a free intro square dance class at Live Oak School, 117 Diamond St, SF. 7:30-9:30 pm. Meet new friends, have lots of fun, and do some light aerobics too! Info: 905-4546.

The Court of Diamonds & Spurs meet with Emperor David & Empress Jackie at 8 pm at The Blue Muse, SF. Gough & Hayes St, SF.

Hot & Slippery! An evening of lesbian erotic safe sex entertainment. Video, fashion show & demo by the Safer Sex Sluts at Josie's Cabaret. Come see video, *Safe is Desire*, a provocative & educational film (shot on the streets of SF & in a lesbian sex club) about two lovers whose relationship is threatened by safe sex conflicts. Lyon Martin's Safe Sex Sluts demonstrate their hottest safe sex techniques live on stage and pass out safer sex supplies; while the safe sex fashion show offers you the latest on safer sex fashions. 8-10 pm, $10. Tix limited, call 861-4723 for info/res.

Women's Country Western Dance: 8:30 pm tonight & 7/27 in the Eastbay. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

Andrew Hurteau in "Free Will & Wanton Lust" at the Cable Car Theatre thru July 25. See OnStage for info. Photo by David Allen

See an evening of choreography by Cheryl Chaddick at New Performance Gallery July 24 & 25.

JUL 21 / WED

At Alexander Book Co: Anne River Siddons (*Outer Banks, Colony*) reads from her new novel, *Hill Towns*. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

13th Annual Jewish Film Fest continues at the Castro Theatre (see 7/15). Program—**2 pm:** *Humoresque* (US/1920, silent); film portrays the quintessential long-suffering Jewish mother that set the standard for films to come. **5:30 pm:** *Everything is Fine* (Ukraine/1992, Russian, Eng sub); presents the search for new Jewish identity against the backdrop of the Soviet Jewish past. **7:30 pm:** *Samson* (Poland/1961, Polish, Eng sub); in a loose parallel to the Biblical Samson, a young man journeys from university to prison to the squalor of the Warsaw Ghetto. **9:45 pm:** *The Visitor* (Germany, 1992, German, Eng sub); Leon Stein is a young Israeli traveller on a train ride to the twilight zone of the united Germany, a compelling vision of Jewish alienation in post-unification Germany.

How to Get That Appointment: Wkshop presented by the SF Commission on the Status of Women & the National Women's Political Caucus-SF. Ever thought of being a commissioner? Come hear reps from the offices of SF Mayor Frank Jordan & Governor Pete Wilson explain the step-by-step process for gaining appointments to hundreds of state & local boards, commissions & special committees. Experts explain what resources & assistance is available to Bay Area women seeking appointments. Featured speakers: Jim Lazarus.

Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor; Julie Justus, Chief Deputy Appointments Secretary, Office of the Governor; Sharron Treskunoff-Bailey, SF Dept of Social Services. Moderators: Rose Pinard, NWPC Appointments Chair & Gwen Tillman, Commission on the Status of Women. 5:30-6 pm: hors d'oeuvres & mingling. 6-8 pm: program. Fee $7 (includes materials). YWCA 940 Powell St (one block from Fairmont Hotel, btwn Sacramento & Clay), SF. Info/RSVP: 922-5004 RSVP by 7/16.

Weight Watchers meets at MCC-SF, see 7/20.

At Mama Bears: "Women & Relationships: Poetry & Prose," Bay Area women writers (Kathleen DeAzevedo, Lita Kurth, Maketa Groves & Gwendolyn Bikis) explore their relationships. 7 pm, $5. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Open lesbian & gay reading, the Bay Area's only monthly reading of the queer community. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

The Man Who Took A Bite *Out of His Wife & Other Stories*—see 7/19.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Tantra: Movin' to the Heartbeat" wkshop with Anna Harvey and Achille Lalonde. 7:30 pm, $5. Use tantra, movement, breath & communications to discover deeper connections in your relationships, kindle aliveness and spark in all aspects of your life. Emphasis on safety, boundaries and heart protection. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At Printers Ink Bookstore: Allan Kornblum, publisher of Coffee House Press, discusses the history of books & printing, and his own experiences running a small press devoted to both contemporary literature & traditional book crafts. Kornblum brings along an actual tabletop letterpress, and audience members have a chance to print their own broadsides. 8 pm, 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

At Freight & Salvage: *The Irene Sazer Band*—folk/rock with a touch of jazz. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love," at Josie's Cabaret: Following the success of his solo play, "Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," Doug returns to the solo stage with three thematically related comic one acts: "Club Pete," a cabaret where stylish recluse Pete Hilton performs a musical meltdown for an audience of one (himself); "The Tattoo Trial," a monologue where Pete Hilton is forced to leave his enclave when summoned for jury duty (the judicial system will never be the same); and "I Might Fall in Love," a modern day love story with all the loops & spins of a roller coaster, set in Great America theme park. Show runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 8/8. Tix $10 Wed, Thur & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

At Faster Pussycat! Cancer/Karoake Party! With *Pansy Division*. Karoake 'til 10 pm. At The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

JUL 22 / T H U

IMA Summer Session III: Performance wkshop with Annette Aguilar (percussion/drums), Diane Lindsay (bass/keyboards/MIDI), Sue Fink (vocals/MIDI), June Millington (guitar/live sound), Mary Watkins (chart reading) and Catherine Carhart (MIDI). 7/22-25, $400. IMA Center/Retreat. Info/reg: (707) 876-3004.

13th Annual Jewish Film Fest continues at the Castro Theatre (see 7/15). Program—**2 pm:** *Body & Soul* (US/1947); John Garfield plays Charlie Davis, a Jewish boxer from the Lower East Side whose father-figure is an African-American ex-champ, Ben Chaplin, played by Canada Lee. **6 pm:** *Speak Up! It's So Dark* (Sweden/1992, Swedish, Eng sub); striking & stylish drama about the relationship between a fascist punk and his Jewish therapist, seen up close in explosive and revealing psychoanalyic sessions. **8 pm:** sneak preview and closing night party. This program repeats in the Eastbay at UC Theatre on 7/29, with the last two films showing at 6:30 & 8:30 pm.

Learn to Play Bridge! Quicktricks, America's only accredited gay & lesbian bridge club, shows you how in 8-wk series for beginners (you can start anytime). Info: 641-4355.

Rainbow's End support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and questioning youth: 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 7-8:30 pm group time for everyone. Spons by Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. Info/location: 457-1115 or 457-3523.

Media Alliance 13th Magazine Fair: Annual opportunity for freelance writers, illustrators & photographers to meet informally with the editors & staff of dozens of prominent Bay Area magazines. Keynote address by *Mother Jones* editor-in-chief Jeffrey Klein. Registration begins at 6:45 pm. Admission $9 in adv, $12 day of fair. Ft Mason Center, SF. Pre-reg by 7/19 strongly recommended. Info: Media Alliance 441-2559.

ruth weiss & Doug O'Connor in "Poetry and Allthatjazz" at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm, $6. Info: 282-3325.

Marin Diners Club spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Meet for dinner at the Savannah Grill in Corte Madera (moderately priced seafood, meat & pastas in a semi-private room). $2 reservation fee, reservations required by 7/19. Info: Avril 383-6737.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Popular local author/activist Tede Matthews reads from a novel he's working on about transvestites, intellectuals and revolutionaries in Nicaragua. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

New Horizons social/support group for lesbian, gay & bisexual adults ages 21-29 meets tonight. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. Spons by Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. Info/location: 457-1115 or 457-3523.

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/21.

Madonnarama at Good Vibrations: Reading by contributors to Cleis Press' thought-provoking new anthology of critical essays about the Material Girl. Hear Pat Califia, Carol Queen and (perhaps) some last-minute special guests deliver their opinions on Madonna's sexual message. Come dressed as Madonna (the staff will be too!) and receive a 20 percent discount off the cover price of *Madonnarama*. 8-10 pm. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 974-8980.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Z Budapest; witch, feminist & author of *The Goddess in the Office* discusses how to keep your Wild Woman happy even though she has to go to work every day. Come get your "personal energy guide for the spiritual warrior of work"—spells, chants, activities you can do to make your work more enjoyable, profitable and good for your inner Wild Woman. 8 pm. Reading & discussion. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676. $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds.

"Ethnicity, Tribalism & Judaism," Dr Avram Davis offers new perspectives on the question of Jewish identity amidst the kaleidoscope of identities & cultures in the West. Discussion focuses on post-tribal society and the relationship of ethnicity to Jewish selfhood. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At Printers Ink Bookstore: Thomas Parker reads from his new novel, *Anna, Ann, Annie*. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

Trash Pieces: Six evenings of pieces addressing the physical & psychological nature of trash; choreographed by Claudine Ann Naganuma with theatre/percussion by Joel David. 8:30 pm at Dancers' Group/Footwork, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Tix $10. 7/22-24, 29-31. Info/res: 824-5044.

ACT UP/SF Video Night at ATA: Screening of videos about ACT UP's struggle against AIDS; featuring *ACTing UP for Prisoners*, Eric Slade's film about women prisoners organizing for livable conditions at Frontera Prison. Also see footage of last June's takeover of Mayor Jordan's office to protest health budget cuts, info on women's health care, the internment of HIV-positive Haitians in Guantanamo Bay, plus lots of other protest footage & info on ACT UP. 8:30 pm, $3-7. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Shellhead Mutants at Brave New World, 1751 Fulton St, SF. 10 pm.

JUL 23 / F R I

The Man Who Took A Bite *Out of His Wife & Other Stories*—see 7/19.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: See 7/16 listing for details.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Meditation for Beginners," wkshop with Emmanuelle Rose. Learn simple methods leading to stress reduction, improved health and peace of mind. 7:30 pm. $5. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At Freight & Salvage: Night of original songs from South Africa, with Tony Bird. 8:30 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

At Josie's Cabaret: Two of SF's funniest queer comics, Scott Capurro & Suzy Berger, team up for one show only—10 pm tonight, $10. Info/res: 864-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

At Mama Bears: Red Arabateau fundraiser. Entertainment by belly dancer Delilah Jasmine! Come catch a good show and help author Red Arabateau continue publishing tales of dyke street life. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/21.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Mystery writer Elizabeth George reads from her new novel *Missing Joseph*. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

Trash Pieces at Dancers' Group/Footwork, see 7/22.

JUL 24 / S A T

Marine World Africa/USA Trip with Negatives Being Positive: Come spend the day & have fun! Tix $17.95 per person, $2 donation to help defray costs of driving, bridges & parking. You can bring your own lunch or purchase lunch at Marine World. For info/RSVP call Neil 255-7672. Please mention if you're going to be driving.

Wunderlich Park (San Mateo County Skyline) Hike with SF Hiking CLub: Moderate 7.5 mile hike in oak-madrone, douglas-fir and second-growth redwood forests, with 800 ft elevation gain. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen. Cost per car from SF: $7, to be shared among passengers. Info: 826-3489 BEFORE 10 pm. Meet 9:30 am at big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF or at 10:30 am at Skeegs Pt on Hwy 35, 4 miles north of the Hwy 84 intersection.

Project Inform AIDS Treatment Hotline Training: 10 am-4 pm today & tmw. The toll-free hotline fields more than 50,000 calls per year and serves a wide range of consituents from all the communities affected by the AIDS epidemic—men, women & children who are HIV positive; doctors, nurses & social service providers; family & friends of people with HIV. Hotline workers are asked to commit to one 3-hour shift per week for a minimum of 4 months (shifts are Mon-Sat, 10 am-1 pm and 1-4 pm). Women & people of color are strongly encouraged to participate. Info: Hotline Coordinator 558-8669.

Beyond Breaking Up: A wkshop for lesbians on emotional detachment & rebuilding one's life. 10 am-2 pm. Info/reg: Mary Butler, MFCC (510) 601-6445.

At Whiptail Lizard Lounge/Alternative Dyke Space: 8 pm benefit show, $5-10 SL donation. Space open noon-11 pm; all women are welcome. 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).

Suset Sea Kayaking Tour of Monterrey Bay spons by Eco-Explorations. 5-8 pm, $40. Led by Lori Katz, naturalist guide. Info/res: (408) 335-7199.

Menage a Trois: A musical orgy at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Benefit performance presented by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance) features Gene Flores, *The Iron Butterflies*, the GAPA Men's Chorus and special guest, comic Al Manalo. 7 pm, $10 adv, $12 at door. Proceeds benefit the GCHP Living Well Group, a support network for gay & bisexual HIV-positive Asian/Pacific men. Tix/info: 282-GAPA.

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/21.

At Mama Bears: A night of passionate dyke rhythms & song with Francine & Nymiah. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At New Performance Gallery: An evening of choreography by Cheryl Chaddick. Program: "Board of Directors," a look into the internal dialogue of a woman in conflict over the decision to marry; "Untitled," an exploration of male & female energy & the dynamics of movement evoked in trans-gender contact; "Batter My Heart," a mixture of diverse religious rhythms used to create a stage of mysterious ritual. Tonight & tmw, 8 pm. 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 863-9834.

"Closer Encounters of the Third Sex: A Transgender Party," is the theme of tonight's party spons by Asian AIDS Project and GAPA Community HIV Project. Doors open at 8 pm, show starts at 9. California Club, 1750 Clay at Polk, SF.

Drag & Butch Ball: An eve of cross-dressing entertainment to benefit the Gay & Lesbian Youth Talkline. Dance music with DJs Jennifer & Zanne from *Junk*. Also see juicy drag videos from the 99 Cents Queer Video Fest, starring legendary genderfucks Justin Bond, Elvis Herselvis, Pussy Tourette & others. Pansex improv with The Flashpoint Players. Country blues with *Minnie Pearl Necklace*, led by baritone babe Rodney O'Neal Austin. 2779 16th St at Folsom, SF. $5 cover. Cross-dressing mandatory, no one admitted without appropriate drag or butch attire (an emergency

parents & kids box

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources, for details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs, call 554-9600 for program info. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.

Non-Biological Moms to Be Group: See the "Parenting & Family Resources" section of the Resource Guide for details.

Pregnant Now Group for lesbians, singles/couples, who are now pregnant. See "Parenting & Family Resources" section of the Resource Guide.

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Annual Summer Camp will be held in August. For more info on this event call 457-1115. Newcomers welcome! Spons by Spectrum.

Children's Story Hour at Modern Times Bookstore: 7/31 at 3 pm. Tio Carlos/Uncle Peace (Carlos Ramirez), Bay Area singer/storyteller explores the magical world of children's fairytales, modern fictions & songs from Venezuela, South Africa & New York's Lower East Side. 968 Valencia St, SF.

Kids Summer Cultural Camp spons by Spirit Theatre Dance Studio for ages 5-12. African dance, drama, mask-making, self-defense, percussion, storytelling. Program designed to introduce children of all ethnic & cultural backgrounds to the joy of dance, music, movement, art & creativity. All sessions taught by professional performers with experience teaching kids. Schedule: Session E, 7/18-23; Session F, 7/26-30. Each session costs $90. Info/res: (510) 849-3232.

Summer Classes for youth, teens and adults, offered by the Sharon Art Studio (part of SF Recreation & Parks Dept). Ceramics, drawing & painting, basic drawing, Chinese brush painting, jewelry, leaded glass, glass fusing, watercolor. Info/free brochure: 753-7006/04.

Green Stuff! Day Camp spons by University of California Botanical Garden: Week-long programs on the wide world of plants, offered for kids ages 5-11 years of age. 8/2-6 session is for for 5-7 year olds, from 9 am-2 pm. 8/9-13 session is for 8-11 year olds, from 9 am-3 pm. $100 per child, per session. To register send check payable to "UC Regents" to Education Dept, UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley 94720, attn: Green Stuff! or call Nancy Swearengen at (510) 642-3352.

New Children's Theatre Program offered in SF, by Artfull Circle Theatre. "The Artfull Dodgers" program emphasizes performance, but also includes coaching in the theatre arts. Children of all ages, with any level of experience (including beginners) are welcome! Program helps kids have fun, build confidence & enrich their lives. For program brochure & other info write Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, SF 94112, attn Children's Program, or call 621-7305.

Holly Near reads, sings & discusses her new book for kids, *The Great Peace March*. 7/27 at 7:30 pm. A lyrical, powerful call for a peaceful planet. At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave btwn Turk & Golden Gate, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Children's Folk Theater, composed of kids ages 8-12 and Theater 11th Street, with actors ages 13-adult, present "Urban Dilemma Tales," a work-in-progress that introduces young people to issues of ethical decision-making thru presenting three African dilemma tales. The plays focus on choices confronting young adults in today's society. 7/18, 2-4 pm at University Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-8344. Free.

Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa: 7/25, noon-10 pm. Features special events for children, including children's concert, storytelling, fiddlers, Celtic harpist, Chinese dancers & more. $5 adults, $2 children, kids under 6 are free. Info: (707) 838-4857.

16 Annual Beach Street Festival in Santa Cruz: 7/16-18, gates open at 8 am. Festival features special area for children, with carnival rides, face painting & petting zoo. Also classic car show & contest, rock 'n roll costume ball, Spoli party, lip synch contest, food booths, memorabilia auction, trivia contest, hot bod & bikini auction. Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, Watsonville. Tix $6 gen'l, $3 srs over 60, kids are free when accompanied by an adult. Info: (408) 438-1957.

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An eve of pop, rock, jazz & blues at IMA Center/Retreat with June & Jean Millington, Sue Fink, Diane Lindsay, Annette Aguilar, Mary Watkins and the *IMA Summer Session Band*. 8 pm, $12. Info/res: (707) 876-3004.

13th Annual Jewish Film Fest opens in the Eastbay at UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave at Shattuck, Berkeley. See 7/15 listing for program details.

"Identities in Transition: Americans in Israel/Israelis in America," a lecture by Jonathan Goldin, MA. Explore issues of Jewish identity in the context of diaspora and Israeli life; also the issue of living in Israel as part of the American Jewish agenda. Participants have the option of contributing to research for a video documentary, "Wandering Jews: Dreams of California & Zion." 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

SF Eagle Beer Bust hosted by SMMILE (South of Market Merchants' & Individuals' Lifestyle Events). 8-11 pm at the SF Eagle, 398 12th St at Harrison, SF. Entertainment by cabaret artist Terry Foster. Commemorative pins & T-shirts for sale, plus door & raffle prizes & more. $6. Proceeds benefit SMMILE (producers of the Up Your Alley Fair and the Folsom Street Fair). For more info, or if you wish to volunteer, call 648-FAIR, fax ext 222 or write to SMMILE, 1072 Folsom St #242, SF 94103.

Trash Pieces at Dancers' Group/Footwork, see 7/22.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret: Night of laughs with comics Sabrina Matthews, Mimi Freed and Suzy Berger. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *The Ultras, Gottaowee* and *State Siders*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

JUL 25 / SUN

13th Annual Jewish Film Fest at UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave at Shattuck, Berkeley. See 7/18 for program details.

Holistic Meditation Intensive Wkshop: Ed Hirsch, MA, demonstrates simple & practical methods for deep relaxation & meditation; discusses how meditation can help you become more authentic. 1-4 pm, $25. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At Mama Bears: Ronnie Gilbert reads from her book (based on the play) *Ronnie Gilbert on Mother Jones*. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At Whiptail Lizard Lounge/Alternative Dyke Space: Open noon-11 pm, all women are welcome. Evening jam session, bring an acoustic instrument & join us! 7 pm Whiptail meeting. 4035 18th St, SF.

At Modern Times Bookstore: "Navigating the Internet: A Crash Course" with Eric Theise. Once the domain of computer science & defense researchers, the Internet is now used by millions to share information, conversation & community. Theise demonstrates a variety of Internet services (archie, wais, gopher and worldwide web) that can be used to locate & transfer files, engage in real-time chat & participate in test-based virtual realities located on computers around the world. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

"Rubberdome," is the theme at tonight's celebration of the two-year anniversary of Asian AIDS Project's Rubber Club. Event showcases Bay Area Asian and Pacific Islander talent. Song, dance & comedy extravaganza! Doors open 8 pm-midnight, program starts at 9 pm. Info: Robert 227-0946. 'N Touch, 1548 Polk St, SF.

At Freight & Salvage: Original folk double bill with Hali Hammer & Eric Park. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Choreography by Cheryl Chaddick at New Performance Gallery: Final performance! See 7/24.

Salsacional! It's *Grupo Sinigual* at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 4-8 pm, $7. Info: 282-3325.

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JUL 26 / MON

13th Annual Jewish Film Fest at UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave at Shattuck, Berkeley. See 7/20 listing for program details.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 7/19.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Karen Ripley. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Monday Night Marsh: ongoing series of new work by both new & seasoned performers continues at The Marsh. Tonight's lineup: B Lynn Goodwin's "Where Are My Children?", Juliette Marshall's "Lookin' for Love," Kari Ann Owen's "An Exact Quality of Light," and SF Shakespeare Festival Workshop's "A Wedekind Cabaret," translated by Eric Bentley. 8:30 pm, $6. 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

JUL 27 / TUE

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation at Au Coquelet, see 7/20.

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Weight Watchers meet at MCC-SF, see 7/20.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

"In Partnership with Your Aging Parents," lecture by Diane Loeb & Julie Feinbush. Learn specific methods of assessing & evaluating a parent's current condition, gathering pertinent information, finding & utilizing community resources and addressing the emotional impact of providing care for one's parents. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At Freight & Salvage: *Violin Jazz*, swing jazz quartet with Jeremy Cohen. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

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JUL 28 / WED

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JUL 29 / THU

13th Annual Jewish Film Fest at UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave at Shattuck, Berkeley. See 7/22 listing for program details. Final day!

Learn to play bridge! Quicktrick's, America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club shows you how in an 8-wk series for beginners (you can start anytime). For details call 641-4355.

Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers, with special guest Priscilla Regalado at New Performance Gallery: 8 pm tonight & tmw. Program: "Untitled," "Breathing Becomes Important," "Retablo," "Through a Fractured Sky," "Always, Already," and "In My Bones." Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 863-9834.

Ritual: In the style of an old storyteller, Malidoma Some talks about his upbringing among the elders of the Dagara tribe in West Africa & the ancient rituals that helped hold the community together. Some argues that lack of ritual in Western cluture has left us empty, lonely & separate, and that we have a lot to learn from the traditional practices of indigenous peoples. Raised in a small village in Burkina Faso, Some was initiated into the ancestral tribal traditions & is a medicine man in Dagara culture. He also holds graduate degrees from the Sorbonne & Brandeis University. 8 pm, free. Printers Inc Bookstore, 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

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At Freight & Salvage: Bluegrass with *Harmony Grits*. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Trash Pieces at Dancers' Group/Footwork, see 7/22.

WAC Attack at ATA: Women's Action Coalition presents a collection of videos on this group of creatively militant women revolutionaries. See *WAC on the News*, a profile of WAC compiled from local news stations' footage of several WAC actions; *WAC-a-ganda*, a 3-min historical montage promo; plus several WAC clips. 8:30 pm, $3-7. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Arneson & Politics: A Commemorative Exhibition," thru 8/15. "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, thru 8/22. "Viewpoints XXI: Politics & Populism: 20th Century Mexican Prints & Drawings from the Achenbach Foundation for the Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/12. "Xochitl in Cuicat/Flower Song: Ten Nahuatl Poems from 16th Century Chronicles with Monoprints by Gustavo Ramos Rivera," exhibit on view thru 9/12. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit of Art Nouveau style clothing; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: Exhibit of photos, early drawings & collages, recent silkscreen paintings & fiberglass sculpture by Richard Prince, thru 7/25. "General Idea's Fin de Siecle," This exhibit by General Idea comprises work made since 1987 that takes the AIDS crisis as its central allegory; exhibit runs 7/22-9/5; 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Oakland Museum: "Sono Osato: Oakland Drawers," sculptural installation created from found objects, based on the artist's research into the history of the city of Oakland, thru 10/2. "Highlights from the Arts & Crafts Movement in California," thru 8/15. "Sharks! Fact & Fantasy," interactive, life-size displays on exhibit thru 9/5. "Imogen Cunningham: Ideas Without End," thru 9/19. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3402.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Prophetic Quest: 75th Anniversary of Jacob Landau," exhibit honors the 75th birthday of this famed artist; thru 9/19. "Evolution of an Artist," photos & prints by EM Lilien; thru 9/19. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Jewish Museum: "Resistance & Rescue," exhibit of 43 black & white photographs of Judy Ellis Glickman which record the flight of Denmark's Jews to Sweden. The exhibit is supplemented by the oral & written recollections of Bay Area residents, both rescuers & survivors. Exhibit runs thru 8/15, and admission is free for this exhibit. Hrs: Sun-Wed. 11 am-5 pm, first Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm.

The Mexican Museum: "Visiones del Pueblo: The Folk Art of Latin America," over 250 folk art objects from 17 Latin American countries, on exhibit thru 7/25. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info: 441-0404.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. Ansel Adams Port- folio IV," thru 9/5. "Proof: Los Angeles Art & the Photograph, 1960-1980," thru 8/22. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-5 pm; 1st Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Architrave Gallery: Group exhibit—sculpture by Todd Campbell, paintings by Victor Antonetti & Bob Bruman. Exhibit runs thru July. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St, SF. Info: 621-4923.

Architects & Heroes: Silkscreens by Mark Oberlin on exhibit thru 7/25. 2239 Fillmore St, SF.

Asian Art Museum: "Earth Bones: Strange Rocks from the Collection of Ian & Susan Wilson," exhibit of *guaishi* ("strange rocks"), thru 9/12. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.

Bomani Gallery: "Source, Continuum & Reflections," sculptural works by Ampofo-Anti, paintings by Wosene Kosrof, Arthur Carraway & Woodrow Johnson. 251 Post St, SF. Thru 7/24. Info: 296-8677.

Circle Gallery of Animation & Cartoon Art: Exhibit of animation art from the new animated TV series, "Rugrats". On exhibit thru 8/8. 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Sun-Tues, 10 am-10 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 781-5464.

The Clay Studio: "Open Bloom," recent paintings in the Ling Nan style by Duc To; on exhibit thru 8/7. Hrs: Wed-Sat, 10 am-5 pm, and by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

John Pence Gallery: "Introductions '93", paintings by Kristen Harber, Kyle Stevens and June Stratton; on exhibit thru 7/31. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Introductions 1993," and "Lynne Cohen: Lost & Found," on exhibit thru 8/28. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "Mythologies," an exhibit of works by Brian Conery, Marc Henrich, Sarah Puckitt & Robynn Smith, visual artists exploring personal myths & icons. Thru 7/17. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

SF Camerawork: "Hypothalamic In[Queer]ies, curated by Robert Kelley; "Tit for Twat: Madam & Eve in the Garden," by Kaucyila Brooke; on exhibit thru 7/17. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Gertrude Parker: A Lightness in Being," exhibit of sculpture made out of gut (hog or beef intestines) with wire; thru 8/29. "From the Heart of Ogun: Steel Drum Sculptures of Haiti," exhibit of metal sculpture made by Haitian artists using recycled steel drums; thru 8/29. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute: "Sue Williams: Recent Work," paintings dealing with domestic dysfunction, eating disorders, obsessive behavior & the violent psychological & sexual abuse of women, on exhibit thru 8/14. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.

SF Public Library: "Prejudice & Pride: Selections from the Gay & Lesbian Center," exhibit from the special collections of the new Main Library. SF Public Library is the first public library in the world to create a permanent research center devoted to the documentation of gay & lesbian culture. This exhibit highlights some of the materials which will be housed there when the library opens in early 1996, and features continuous screening of various lesbian & gay filmworks. Exhibit runs thru 7/31 in Phelan Hall, SF Main Library, 3rd floor, Civic Center, SF. Info: Jim Van Buskirk 557-4566.

University Art Museum: "Gertrude Jekyll: Private Gardens, Vanishing Arts," thru 9/19 at Theater Gallery. Several garden tours plus film screening & lectures to be held in conjunction with this exhibit, please call for details. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Pacific Film Archive: "Pomp & Circumstance: American Film in the '60s," series of 36 programs offering dramatic features, comedies, music films & political & experimental cinema from the 1960s, including work by a wide variety of artists. The series will include several in-person appearances by directors. Call for program details. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-1412.

Vision Gallery: Photos by Harry Callahan on exhibit 7/15-8/28, opening reception 7/15, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

MACE Space for Art: Solo exhibit by Pamela Lanza, thru 7/24. Xerography & photo etching, with painting & drawing. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Morphos Gallery: "Emilie Clark: Recent Work," paintings & monotypes on exhibit thru 7/21. "Mobility," an installation by Elliott Linwood, 7/23-9/15. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Kate Connell: Loss of Limb," a multimedia installation exploring physicality; and "Scott Braley: The Homeless Photography Project," selection of works resulting from a continuing project teaching photography to the homeless; "Drawings by Barry Simons"; thru 8/21. 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Richmond Art Center: "Issues & Objects. Northern California Craft in the 1990s." on exhibit 7/20-9/12. Opening reception 7/21, 5-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

ARU Gallery: "Q Art," exhibit of the work of gay artists; also "Crossing the Line: An Exhibition of Gender Transgressions," photo exhibit curated by the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society. Shows Bay Area photographers' work dealing with cross-dressing & stylized gender roles. Includes work by Mariette Pathy Allen, Steven Baratz, Alicia Brite, Phyllis Christopher, Honey Lee Cottrell, Greg Day, Austin Newsom, Daniel Nicoletta, Freddy Niem, Jill Posener, Miguel Ronquillo & Michael Rosen. Thru 7/17. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

Master puppeteer Henk Berwinkle performs thru July 25 at the Bayfront Theatre.

Manuelita's Gallery & Antiques: Works by Mark Mulleian. Thru 7/30. 3109 Fillmore St, SF. Ste 210. Hrs: Wed-Sat, 1-5 pm. Info: 923-0822.

NIAD Gallery: "Exquisite NIAD: Open Studio Exhibit," of works by disabled artists; thru 7/31. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: Work by Carrie Mae Weems on exhibit thru 7/31. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Christensen-Heller Gallery: Sculpture by Robert Van Norman, oils on canvas by Victoria Ward, on exhibit thru August. 5831 College Ave, Oakland. Info: (510) 655-5952.

John LeFlore: Paintings & drawings on exhibit at Suzanne's Muffins, 564 Castro St, SF; still lifes, religious imagery & other images. Mostly new works. Thru July.

Mixed Medium Works by artists with AIDS. Show spons by EACH (Early Advocacy & Care of HIV) Program and Continuum HIV Day Services. Abstracts, collages, icons, nudes, scenery and still lifes on wood, acrylics, oils, watercolors, tapestry, ceramic & mixed media. Thru August. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210.

"Scapes," new watermedia interior & exterior landscapes by Eileen Blodgett, on exhibit thru 9/1 at New Conservatory Theatre Gallery, 25 Van Ness Ave. Info: 861-8972.

"Lesbian, Gay, Bi Pride," exhibit of works by over 30 artists, thru July at Bearded Lady Cafe & Gallery, 485 14th St, SF. Info: 626-2805.

"Photographers of Marin," group show by the Marin Assoc of Professional Photographers and the Center for Global Spirituality. On exhibit thru 7/26. 1610 Tiburon Blvd, Tiburon. Info: 435-6407.

"Under the Freeway," group photography show with the theme of SF's post-earthquake freeway demolition. Runs thru 7/28 at E'Space Gallery, 520 Hayes St, SF. Info: 861-4657.

"More About Buildings & People," work by Michael Kohnke, Fedele Pacelli, Nadaray Howard & Scott Arford; on exhibit thru 7/29 at Art Attack Gallery, 23 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 621-3505.

"Reclamation," paintings & mixed media by Carol Johnson at Brick Hut Cafe, thru August 2. 3222 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 658-5555.

"About Time," artwork by participants in positive art; an exhibit of paintings, drawings, sculpture, poetry & mixed media works created by men & women living with HIV disease. On exhibit thru 8/14 at Nexus Gallery, 2701 8th St at Carleton, Berkeley. Viewing by appt only, call (510) 486-8118. Reception 7/17, 4-7 pm.

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Unmasked: Four Faces of Queer, written & performed by Toby Eastman, Judy Helfand, Henry Holmes & Don Mark. Theatre Rhino production. Four uncommon queers from various backgrounds meet to share their coming out tales—from baby dykes in the boys' shoe department & boy tykes in petticoats to a mother's two-week lesbian affair & a young man's sexual & spiritual awakening at a traffic light. Humorous, passionate, sexy & truthful. Show runs Fri-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm, thru 7/18. Tix $7-12 SL. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Lost Episode One of These Days 2: hilarious comedy by Joseph Leonardi & Jeff Thompson, the sequel to last year's hit, "One of Those Days." Play finds the gay sons of "The Honeymooners" partying with the Daughters of Lesbos. Theatre Rhino production. Runs 7/22-8/14. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm. Tix $12. 7/22 performance benefits Project Open Hand & the Women's Cancer Resource Center. 2926 16th St. SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Gone Dollywood, musical performance piece by David E Johnston, takes place in a Tennessee mental home where inmates exhibit pathological devotion to country superstar Dolly Parton & all that she symbolizes. Show runs 7/19-8/9 at Kiki, 483 14th St, SF. 8 pm, $6. Info/res: 863-KIKI (5454).

Free Will & Wanton Lust by Nicky Silver. Hilarious & harrowing comedy about an uproariously dysfunctional Park Avenue family. Cable Car Theatre production. Previews 7/15-25, play opens 7/27, runs Tues-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 2 & 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, in an open-ended engagement. Previews Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix: $25 Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm; $30 Fri & Sat at 8 pm; $20 Sat & Sun at 2 pm. 430 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 982-SHOW (7469).

West Side Story, Broadway classic with music by Leonard Bernstein & lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Peninsula Center Stage production. Previews 7/16, opens 7/17, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm thru 8/1. Tix $12 preview, $14-16 regular performances, $18 opening night gala. Info/res: 363-8581. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City.

String of Pearls, four mini-operas bas-

ed on mythological subjects written by leading composers & librettists. See Kathleen Cramer's "Happy Hour Becomes Electra," in which Electra & her family hash it out over cocktails and a few salted nuts; O-Lan Jones' "Herakles & the Hydra" in which our hero is entangled with his many-headed fate; "Modesto" by Beth Custer, in which four mysterious people, lost in a desert, sing about thirst & music and "Goddess of the Hunt" by J Raoul Brody, in which beautiful Diana, queen of the goddesses, withdraws her affections from husband Bud, who seeks solace in the arms of another hot babe, Death. Overtone Industries production. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, 7/29-8/15. Gala performance 7/30 at 8:30 pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St at 22nd, SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts, srs & financially disadvantaged. $25 gala performance. Info/res: 641-0235.

Close Your Mind & Kiss Me by the Underworld Opera Company, in collaboration with Aquavideo video production collective. Farce follows the voyage of the rocket cruiser Kozy Fire, a vessel of the Intergalactic Federation for Convenience & Dependability. Runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 & 10:30 pm, 7/29-31, 8/5-7, 12-14. Somar Theater, 934 Brannan St, SF. Info/res: (510) 268-0246.

Three Sisters by Chekhov. Classic features a new translation into "American stage English" by CD Elinas. Classic Theatre Project production runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm, 7/16-8/7. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Harm's Way by Mac Wellman. A fantastical adventure thru a carnival of Americana. Play depicts a male archetype, "Santouche", whose eleven-scene journey is a self-justified rampage thru a politically incorrect, dysfunctional & cruel society. Diggin Hole production. Runs Thurs-Sat, 7/22-8/7 at ExitTheatre, 366 Eddy St, SF. Tix $6-10. Info/res: 673-3847.

The Bay at Nice by David Hare. A mother & daughter struggle over the gesture of an artist & the little gestures of life in Leningrad, 1956. Mirror Theatre Co production. Play runs Fri & Sat 7/16-31 at 8 pm. Tix $10. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St, SF. Info/res: 621-7978.

21A by Kevin Kling. Hilarious & touching one-man journey where eight characters collide on the oddest stalled bus you'll ever ride. Kudzu production. Play runs Thurs-Sat thru 7/24 at 8 pm. Tix $8. Above Brainwash Theatre, 1126 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 995-4778.

Play by Samuel Beckett. Final event of the BAIT Fringe Festival. 7/18 at 4:45 pm at Teatro Mision, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St btwn 24th & 25th, SF. Tix $7. Info/res: 285-6776.

Feiffer's People, an eve of unique comedy sketches & observations by Jules Feiffer, renowned humorist, cartoonist & social satirist. Bedini Theatre Project production. Runs Fri-Sat, 7/16-31 at 8 pm. 2565 Mission St, SF. Info/res: 921-2769.

Snapshots from the Asylum by Madine Ish. A multi-personality solo extravaganza of comic insanity that takes a hilarious & unflinching look at a life

"Gone Dollywood," a musical performance piece about mental home inmates worshipping Dolly Parton, thru Aug. 9; see OnStage for details.

spent shuttling between a successful stand-up career & an insane asylum. The Marsh production. Plays Thurs-Sat, 7/29-8/28 at 8pm at La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1832 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-7743. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 srs & stdnts.

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams. Play featuring an all African-American cast runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, $7-10, Sun matinee at 2 pm, "pay as you can." The Y Theatre, Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Ave, SF. 2nd floor. Info/res: 885-0460.

Prelude to a Kiss by Craig Lucas. Gentle, magical love story. Hillbarn Theatre production. Opens 7/29, runs Wed-Sun thru 8/28. 7 pm Wed, 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 2 pm Sun. Tix $9-15. Info/res: 349-6411. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.

Whatever Happened Between Bette & Joan? by Garrett & Colin Riley. Non-stop comic tour-de-force, this "prequel" to "Whatever Happened to BB Jane" has Bette Davis & Joan Crawford arriving at the studio to rehearse the most famous catfight in history. Blanche Hudson production. Play runs Tues-Sun thru 7/18, no performance on Thursdays. Tues & Wed at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 11 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix $15. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St (btwn Laguna & Octavia), SF. Tix $13 Thurs/Sun, $15 Fri/Sat. Info/res: 626-7403 or BASS.

Hello, Dolly! Lamplighters Music Theatre production of the Broadway treasure runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm thru 8/1. No performance July 4th wkend. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Tix $24. Info/res: 752-7755.

Fire in the Rain...Singer in the Storm play is the life story of singer Holly Near, set to music. Written by Holly Near and her sister Timothy Near. Play runs thru 8/1 at Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason St, SF. Tix $28-34 regular performances. Performances Wed & Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun eves at 7:30 pm, matinees Sat & Sun at 2 pm. Info/res: 346-7805.

Why We Have A Body by Claire Chafee. Chafee's hit play, a humorous exploration of female myths & relationships (including an affair between a married woman and a lesbian private investigator) has been extended for a third time. Play runs Wed-Sun at at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 7/18, closes for vacation 7/19-27; reopens 7/28 & runs thru 8/29. Bayfront Theater, Ft Mason Bldg B, SF. Third floor. Tix $17-23 gen'l, srs & stdnts $12. Info/res: 441-8822.

An Enemy of the People by Henrik Ibsen, adapted by Arthur Miller. One man stands alone against greed & corruption in a small resort community. Harvest Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 7/31. Ehrer Theatre, 225 Geneva Ave, SF. Nr Balboa Park BART. Tix $12 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. Thurs performances are "pay as you can". Info/res: 586-9556.

Josh Korbluth: Work-in-Progress at The Marsh. Korbluth, master of improv & monology, continues to improvise and develop his fifth monologue. Saturdays in July at 10:30 pm. Tix $7. 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Golf With Alan Shepherd by Carter W Lewis. Witty comedy about mysterious forces at work on a public golf course in Ohio. Upstart Stage production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 8/1. New Conservatory Theater, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $15 Thurs & Sun matinees, $17.50 Fri & Sat eves. Info/res: 861-8972.

Reassurance. Three whimsical short stories by author Allan Gurganus, adapted for the stage by Actors Theatre of SF. Tix $14 & $16. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 7/31. Sun performances at 2 pm on 7/18. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Offshore, SF Mime Troupe presents the new play for its 31st summer season of free plays in parks. "Offshore" is set in the very near future. The US & Japan are locked in a trade dispute—the US threatens prohibitive tariffs on Japanese semiconductors unless Japan allows imports of American rice—which industry will become a sacrifice to global economy? Play runs in various SF & Eastbay parks throughout the summer. For showtimes & other info call 285-1717.

Keith Haring's My Idol. Repertory presentation of the plays of Larry Myers, one of downtown New York's most enigmatic & prolific playwrights. Features several works that have developed cult-like followings in NY, including "Tarantulas Dancing," "Small Town Girls with Big Problems," "Queen of the Hot Room", "White Boys Can't Rap," and "X-mas A Go-Go." The Marsh & RWM Playwrights Lab production. Runs Thurs-Sun, thru 7/25 at 8:30 pm. Tix $7-10 SL fee on Thurs, $8 Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. $10 srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged. Info/res: 641-0235. 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd, SF.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm, First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation. Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St. Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860.

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs, mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

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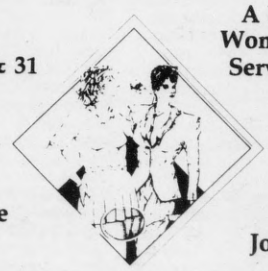
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meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group. wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project. Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV+ Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project. For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF. 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5880 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD)

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9"×6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St. Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV+ Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV+ African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women.

The Lucy Stoners, from NYC, will perform July 28 at Faster Pussycat!

BODY/MIND

Doug Holsclaw in "Tattoo Love" at Josie's, July 21-Aug. 8. See Calendar for info. Photo by Steve Savage

Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

Veterans with HIV: You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 883-1921.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

Discover Your Right Livelihood Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA' Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: Loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter & other info call 485-1015 eves only.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Eastbay Bi Women's Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30 + especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Lesbians in the Military Anthology: Submissions sought for *War Stories: Lesbian Experiences in the Military*, an anthology edited by Jody Hoenninger. Lesbians who have served in the military are invited to share their stories; submit art, photos, love letters, etc that pertain to their military experience. If you were discharged for being lesbian, served from a khaki closet, or found someplace in-between, please write. All accounts of all aspects of lesbian life in the military are welcome. Confidentiality guaranteed, you may use a pen name, but please include real name in cover letter. Send SASE or iniquiries to Judy Hoenninger, PO Box 94091, Pasadena CA 91109. Deadline: August 1.

Gay & Bisexual Women & Men in the Military: Theatre Rhinoceros & the Tale Spinners Theater seek submissions for a original show to be based on the personal histories of gay & bisexual women in the military (to be produced in Theatre Rhino's Studio this fall). Play focus is on both the positive & the negative aspects/consequences of being gay & bisexual in the armed forces. Playwright Lee Jenkins welcomes contributions from gay & bisexual men & women who stayed in the service, left voluntarily, were forced out, met their lovers while serving, etc. For details call Lee Jenkins at Tale Spinners Theater 550-9104.

The Evidence of Being: Call for Interviews for nationwide oral history project consisting of a series of audio interviews & photographs which will be compiled into a book entitled *The Evidence of Being*, about Black gay lifestyles in the early part of the 20th century. Editors Essex Hemphill, cultural activist/editor (*Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men*) and Ron Simmons, PhD, writer, photographer & media producer seek Black gay men 60 years of age or older to interview. Some questions: How did Black homosexual men negotiate their roles as sons, brothers, uncles & fathers? How did they relate to the larger Black community? Did religion & the church influence their lives? Was there recognition of homosexuality? Name-calling? Respect? Did the word "gay" have any meaning then? These and other questions will be asked in an effort to trace the evolving construction of Black homosexual/gay identity. If you are willing to share your stories/memories please respond in writing to: Essex Hemphill, The Evidence of Being, 401 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 700, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1455 or Ron Simmons, The Evidence of Being, PO Box 48100, Washington, DC, 20002.

Out—Did You Write A Letter? SF-based production group seeks people who came out to family or significant others thru a letter. If you're interested in candidly sharing your writings & stories, please call Mary (510) 526-2471 or Maureen (415) 824-1456 or write to Outloud Television, PO Box 31520, SF 94131 for details.

Special Sex Talk Issue of *Lesbian Contradiction: A Journal of Irreverent Feminism*. *LesCon* wants to hear about your sex life—what you do, who your partners are, how you do it—and why. What does sex mean in your life—a way to get to know someone, or something you do only with someone you know well? A way to keep distance? Recreation? Fun? A struggle—because of past sexual abuse, or exhaustion or worry, disability—or the mistaken assumptions other women have about disability? Send your articles/drawings to LesCon, 584 Castro St #356, SF 94114. Deadline: 7/30.

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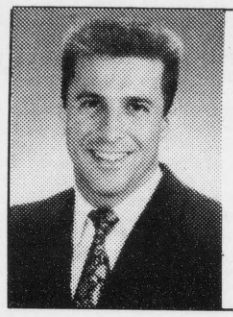

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Queer Asian/American Writers & Performers. Mini-series of queer Asian/Asian-American/Pacific Islander performance & spoken word, late August, 848 Community Space. Submit material on themes of: "Bambooshoot Jungle: The Asian Penis/The Asian Clitoris" and "Swimming Past Kansas: Native/Tourist/Other." Artists, performers & writers should send a brief proposal, writing sample or tape, brief bio, SASE if you wish materials returned. Working for cut of box office. Send materials (&SASE for more detailed info) to: Lisa Asagi/Justin Chin, Art Buffalo, 250A Guerrero St., SF 94103.

Gay & Lesbian GOP Anthology: Gay & lesbian Republicans are encouraged to submit essays for a forthcoming anthology to be published by Alyson Publications in 1994. Anthology is being edited by Log Cabin Club president Rich Tafel. Personal stories, history, political perspectives & strategies are welcome. Send SASE to Rich Tafel, 21 Kirkland St, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline: 9/30.

Healing Arts: Call for entries in this not-for-profit art exhibit to benefit Project Open Hand. Exhibit scheduled for 9/22-25, and is planned to represent a broad cross-section of the community affected by HIV. Art from various media (visual, performance, written, etc) is welcome. For guidelines & other details call 695-0199. Deadline: 7/30.

Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS. Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Alternative Dyke Space offers fun & games, music, conversation, etc for women in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For event schedule see Main Calendar listings. 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).

Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Men's Nude Drawing Group: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

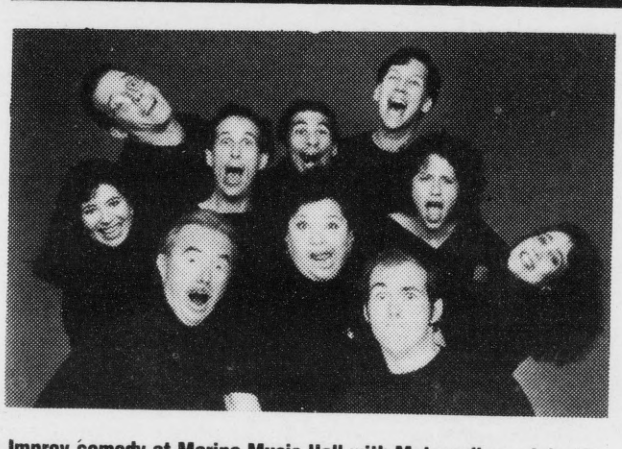
Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

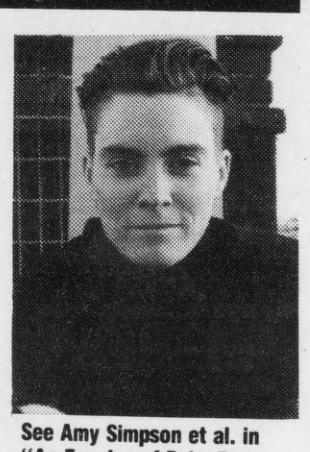
Quicktricks, America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-, dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split, male & female.

Come to the Cancer/Karaoke Party at Faster Pussycat! with Pansy Division on July 21. See Calendar for info. Photo by Marc Geller.



Improv comedy at Marina Music Hall with Metropolis on July 17. Check Calendar for details.



See Amy Simpson et al. in "An Evening of Dyke Passion," July 24. Cal has info.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

LYRIC Youth Talkine for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, in-

dividual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.

Battered Lesbian Support Group for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Single Adoptive Moms: Support group for lesbian women considering or in the process of adopting. Eastbay location. Info: Jan (510) 474-9985.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood." Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

Pregnant Now Group: Free group for lesbian singles/couples, who are pregnant now & want to meet for networking, support & fun. Info: Judy 821-9745.

Non-biological Moms-to-Be Support Group: Non-facilitated. Informal group of women interested in discussion & support during insemination & pregnancy. Call Melissa 346-8714.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

African American Lesbians Group: Network of supportive friends. Info: Pam 641-0461.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.

Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.

Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically insprired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

Just A Stage Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 929-8228.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays,

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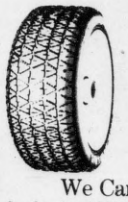

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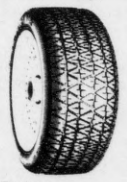

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lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. Meets 1st Sun & 3rd Wed of every month, 7 pm at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94110.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital for lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7:30 pm. For info/location call 267-6195.

Gays in the Military: Help lift the ban! Call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project 306-0477.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sat every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.

Classism Discussion Group for middle-and-upper-class lesbians meets monthly in Oakland. For time/location or more info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St. #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

Gene Flores & the GAPA Men's Chorus will sing in "Menage a Trois: A Musical Orgy" on July 24. See Cal for details. Photo by Freddie Niem

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.

Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Nonsexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Liz & Sharon 242-0319.

Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Queer Minyan: Gay/Lesbian Jewish Renewal Group: Combines traditional forms & feelings of prayer with modern outlook. Egalitarian, warm & lighthearted Shabbos celebration, 1st & 3rd Fri of the month. No knowledge or experience necessary. Location/info: 334-8449.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality/New Moon Shamanic Circle: Drumming, ritual, journeying, prayer. Free. SF location. Info: Mireya 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Icon Orthodox Fellowship Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.

Saint Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for professed religious who would like to socialize & exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys while hiking, biking, camping, etc; or for informal social gatherings. No membership fees. Info: 927-3827.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk & St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.
0Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.
Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.
SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.
Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.
Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.
PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.
Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.
Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.
East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players social group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.
AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 3rd fl. SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 661-6379.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.
Gay Men's Support Group: Self-led group meets Tues eves in SF to deal with a wide range of personal issues. Men willing to make an extended commitment are welcome to join! Info: Greg or Rocky 626-1197; Rodney 861-7911.
Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.
Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.
Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.
Hidden Disabilities/Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.
Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.
Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.
Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.
Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.
Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.
Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.
SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.
Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.
Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.
The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.
MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.
Former Jehovah's Witnesses: Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents; women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.
Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County offers "Kavod" ("respect" in Hebrew), a counseling & education program that is sensitive to the needs of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & our families, with special outreach to Jewish clients. Support groups are also available on coming out, parents of gays & lesbians and Jewish identity. Fee subsidies available. For info/reg call Karen Belford, MSW, Kavod Project Director: (408) 399-2202.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.
Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.
Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23: Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!
Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.
GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter. Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.
Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283
Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: Call Felicia at LYRIC 703-6150.
Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Sat 2-4 pm at Eureka Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 703-6150.
After-School Recreation Group for young people age 18 & under: Includes discussion, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, photography, self-defense class, movie nights. Info: Kathy at LYRIC 703-6150.
Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.
Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.
Contra Costa Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.
Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 530-8529 or (415) 533-4026.
Dignity/SF sponsored drop-in group for gay, lesbian & bi young Catholics. Discussion of faith, sexuality & identity. Tues 7-9 pm at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-9244.

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Bomb Detonates After Seven Year Tick

Sunday afternoon, Fourth of July, the phone interrupted my vivid daydream fantasy of stuffing all of the neighborhood kids' fireworks up their butts and lighting them, because it wasn't even dark yet and the little assholes were already bombarding passersby with firecrackers on Haight Street. Michael Dean was on the phone, the elfin, enigmatic, sensitive psycho-fuck bassist and vocalist who fronts the legendary local outfit that I always go on and on about as being the greatest band in SF and maybe even the whole world: Bomb. I've been a loyal fan and supporter of Bomb in this column passionately and vehemently ever since I stopped being afraid of them as people; madcap, life-on-the-edge, urban angel rocker junkie saints, keepers of the very spirit of rock 'n' roll in all of its intended "do or die" rawness. Not sloppy-rawness, but rather moving out of your apartment, shutting off your phone and hopping in a touchy van to tour the states and sleep on floors across the nation in the homes of other degenerate fringe bands, lecherous drug dealers or women who claim to be witches and make their own coats out of cat skins rawness.

Bomb is a rock band made up of lifers, and Michael Dean called to tell me that Bomb has parted ways amicably, moving on to other projects and priorities. After their Warner Bros. debut *Hate Fed Love* didn't rip up the sales charts, the label dropped the band. Original drummer Tony Fag left the band and guitarist Doug Hilsinger's side project Gifthorse started gigging around town to much favorable response; then a project from his past, Daddy's Protein, resurfaced with a record and a gig or two, plus Hilsinger has been doing a lot of production work and was spotted recently gigging at Klubstitute in a leather skirt and bikini top as the Beach Girl. The rest of this Beach Boys cover band didn't show up, so Doug handled it solo. Michael Dean planned to start a new band the very next day after he called me and is looking for a guitarist, drummer and keyboard player.

By the time this article hits the streets, Bomb will have played its final show at the Paradise Lounge. The flyer for the event bears the message, "Remember when sex was safe and Bomb was dangerous?" I do. Sex on stage, free and odd gifts given out, haircuts by Michael Dean for a quarter, fights with security or stage crew, shows ending with the band naked in a pile, loyal fans slamming instantaneously to a song's first resounding note and that visceral apocalyptic avalanche of sound crashing over the crowd as a shirtless Michael Dean presses his lips to the microphone and so sweetly sings, "The girl that I miss is just me in a dress...." I'll miss Bomb and after singing their praises in print for almost seven years in the local gay press, I can't believe

Members of Bomb.

that more of you queers weren't there... in a dress. Just didn't get it.

IF THE SKIRT FITS, WORK IT, GIRLFRIEND

It was quite clear on Gay Day this year that many of you guys still don't get it about dresses, or more specifically skirts, pleated and plaid. I've been asked in no uncertain terms all over town to say something about all of the fucking muscle queens in their cartoon uber-masculine (yet preened with the fervor of a fastidious little girl) gym-sculpted bodies who sported those goddamn little skirts on Gay Day. What is this, some kind of secret coded fraternity in which an urge to wear skirts proudly in public was awakened and suddenly cardholding members of the Muscle System (both locations) were emancipated, free at last, free at last to wear little skirts.

What a lucky coincidence that they could snatch one up at Rolo for $35 to $40 on the way home from the gym. "It will be faaaabulous. All seven of us are going together in our little kilt things. We'll be too hot, girl. I wore mine out once and someone said I was, like, punk, you know, punk rock. I was like 'What?' and then I thought, Yeah, right on, I am punk. And it's hot. Me and my friends are like, out there." Oh, yes sir, girlfriend, way out there. So "out there" you could have saved yourself about $39 by going to the Salvation Army store. They have racks of those skirts there and you would have been that much closer to those breast implants or porcelain veneers you've been saving for.

I myself haven't worn a skirt since I lost my last one on Halloween night years ago watching Ministry and really tearing up the I Beam, or in other words, when it was cool. My friend Margret told me on that night that the best thing about wearing a skirt is that you can lift it up. I don't think she meant in front of a guy with a camera so the image of your firm buttocks exposed from beneath the pleats as you grin like an idiot will end up on display in the window of the one-hour photo store on Upper Market, a traditional post-celebration photo essay I refer to as the Great Wall of Tedious Beef. I know a few fellows are gonna be really glad they did those extra sets on the Stairmaster when they file by and search that window for their own cute, campy, "out there" image. Unlike Bomb, I won't miss this girl in a dress.

Speaking of Bomb again, and girls in dresses, how could I go on one more sentence without a hearty congratulations for the marvelous, remarkably talented and undeniably adorable Deena Davenport for being the first biological female in recent memory, maybe ever, to win the Best Drag Queen award at the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade. Face it, Deena Davenport, actor, musician, go go dancer, wig matrix of the world, loyal gal pal of Jello Biafra, all-around cool chick and a big fan of Bomb also—WE DIG YOUR WIG! We do so in upper-case, just like Justin Bond used to do when he was still writing a column in town. Don't miss Deena Davenport and a fine cast of others this month when the show *Women in the Shadows* opens at Studio 4, 2702 18th St., at York. A Playstitute presentation directed by Alvin Orloff aka Remix Von Popstitute, *Women in the Shadows* is based on a '50s pulp romance novel by Ann Bannon, a writer famous for her steamy tales of lesbian lives and loves. Orloff adapted the book for stage and has billed it as a Melodramatic Dykesploitation Comedy and I can't wait. It opens on July 21 with a half-priced preview and plays Thursday and Friday for two weeks only. For reservations call 826-5358 from 1 to 9 pm.

THE DARK SIDE OF DIXIE MCCALL

Speaking of Justin Bond, he's been quite busy, or so one would think if they caught his fantastic show on the Fourth of July at Josie's Cabaret. The handbill and posters read, "Celebrate What Freedom Really Means With Justin Bond," with the star pictured in front of a flag in vaguely dominatrix-style gear, a lit cigarette held close to his lips in one hand and a gun in the other. His smile is deliciously evil and a pack of Marlboros is peeking out of his garment. I guess the boycott is over. I'm glad because they're on sale down at the corner store.

If you remember Justin's last endeavor in this realm, *Dixie McCall's Patterns for Living*, you might refer to this gripping hour of entertainment as Justin Bond's Very Personal and Much Darker Patterns for Living. From the very beginning, when Justin enters with his ever-adorable blue-haired accompanist Ken Melman wearing lederhosen on the end of a rope leash, to the final song, a request for someone who didn't show up, the set of songs and between-song soliloquies, sermons, drama and madness is dark and scary and aggressive as hell. I can't quite describe the entire show and it's dubious mischief but I'll not soon forget the brilliant cover of the famous KISS song that crossed that rock group over into the disco craze in the '70s, "I Was Made for Loving You," which Melman treated with subtle dramatics in his powerful arrangement yet without befuddling the integrity of its original form. I think he's a genius and Justin is his perfect match. I'm not sure if Miss Bond has plans for a long run with this show but she better start making them or the whole world will never know just how meaningful three different songs from Pink Floyd's *The Wall* can become in the right hands, at the right time. Justin Bond is total Godhead.

Speaking of music from the darker side and total Godhead, my hat goes off to DJs Zanne and Jennifer of Exile, the new Sunday night alternative to the usual power-pec dance-a-toriums the nightlife has to offer for those on the party weekend long-haul. These two have gained quick recognition spinning at Junk every Thursday, an alternative music club that has attracted a predominantly female crowd. They teamed up with a back-in-action Michael Blue, whose double whammy assault on clubland with Fiend on Saturday and Exile on Sunday at the DNA has made it pretty clear what this city has lacked in its nightscape. I'm proud to say it's rock 'n' roll and I hate to say I told you so but....

Nothing makes me happier than walking into a club that's playing something by Fugazi and watching a crowd through the night dance enthusiastically to gem after gem of that type of music when it seems against all odds that it can hold a crowd. It takes guts and an aggressive attitude to play... you know, music with guitars. It also takes a very good collection to choose from, which Jennifer and Zanne clearly have. I say run, don't walk to Exile on Sunday. Besides, they have a dimly lit back room in the grand tradition of all gay bar back rooms, except you might end up having sex play in the same room as the opposite sex simultaneously. Yes indeed, something is happening South of Market. ✿

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"It's the water." I suppose that slogan, courtesy of the local brewery, is as good an explanation as any for what's going on in Olympia, Wash., a dinky town of 30,000 people that has an amazing woman-powered punk scene. There's not much to see in what has been described as "the dorkiest town in the world"—the brewery, a tiny upwardly mobile downtown area, and The Evergreen State College (TESC), whose "progressive" curriculum brings in a lot of young, hungry minds. Olympia isn't really for sightseeing, though; it's more for people-interacting.

To an outsider it can be kind of mystifying. Molly from Bratmobile explains, "I think Olympia has a reputation for being weird. There's some people who get it and they're the ones who keep coming back, and there's people who are alienated by it, because it is kind of like a mutual understanding kind of place... It's perceived as being cliquey, but it's just kind of like... we're shy." Yeah, had I just shown up and not known anybody, I would have probably thought the town sucked. As it was, I found everyone to be really welcoming and hospitable.

If Northampton is a strange town where men aren't wanted, then perhaps Oly is a strange town where men just aren't necessary. Girl-about-town Donna Dresch says, "The girls dominate the scene in Olympia. There's more girls doing things than boys." K Records, co-run by Candice Pedersen and Calvin Johnson, is a big scene supporter with a roster of co-sexual and women's bands: Bratmobile, Heavens to Betsy, Mecca Normal, Lois among them. Many of them are local or have roots in the town.

Some credit for the rise of Riot Grrrl goes to Olympia, since the town's ethic supported women in connecting with other girls. Molly and Allison from Bratmobile and Kathleen from Bikini Kill were all living in Olympia before they brought the idea of Riot Grrrl to fruition in D.C. "Revolution girl-style now" was just a doodle in Kathleen's notebook. "That was something I just wrote down. It didn't mean anything. It was in my journal," she says with a chuckle.

K's International Pop Underground (IPU) Convention in 1991 brought lots of like-minded, determined women together to network, and Girl Day at the convention gave them an opportunity to shine. Two years later, Candice says, "More girls are buying music, girls are making music, girls are writing about music."

D-I-Y MUSIC

The indie, do-it-yourself ethic prevails here. As Bikini Kill's Tobi Vail writes in the liner notes for *Stars Kill Rock*, "despite the much-publicized notion of the nonexistence of such a thing, underground music is very much alive.... a lot of what is happening in underground music is for real, creative and interesting." Compilations are a good place to start. *Stars Kill Rock* is the second compilation from Kill Rock Stars, which also has a spoken word series of 7-inches. Bikini Kill, Cunts With Attitude (CWA), Tribe 8, 7 Year Bitch, and Bratmobile all make appearances. 120 NE State Ave. #418, Olympia, WA 98501; distributed by Mordam.

Visitors to Olympia quickly adapt to the local customs. Photo by Val. C. Phoenix

K has assembled a bunch of its IPU singles on *International Hip Swing*. Here for your delectation are Tiger Trap, Fifth Column, Lois, Mecca Normal, Cannanes, Heavenly, etc. For a swell catalogue, suitable for framing, write to P.O. Box 7154, Olympia, WA 98507. Distributed by Cargo.

Yoyo Studios, which is Pat Maley and his portable 8-track, has released two compilations of stuff he's recorded over the years, *Throw* and *Julep*, which feature Tattle Tale, Cub, Adickdid, Kicking Giant, Superchunk, Bikini Kill (sounding very Mecca Normal-ish), and Heavens to Betsy, among others. P.O. Box 10081, Olympia, WA 98502.

Bikini Kill and UK band Huggy Bear share an LP on a KRS/Catcall co-release. Huggy Bear's side is capped by "Aqua Girl Star" and "February 14th." The former song grabs me for its trippy '60s sound and girlhappy lyrics, and the latter for its ferocity. Bikini Kill's stuff is more immediately gripping, with a snide, searing tone that I love. "Rebel Girl" works as a girl power anthem, while "Outta Me" shows a softer, wistful side.

Heavens to Betsy has a four-song EP, *These Monsters Are Real*, out on KRS. I really liked the passionate vocals, courtesy of Corin, whose guitar is backed up by Tracy's bass and drums. Maybe it's just my current frame of mind, but "Me and Her" is my song of the moment. This is girl love angst at its peak, with Corin wailing, "I hate her! I love her!" What she said. They also turn up on a K split 7-inch with Bratmobile.

Speaking of which, those Brats have their debut album, *Pottymouth*, out on KRS. My first listen of this came on the drive down from Washington, which I made with my friend Barbara. Stuck in a traffic jam in 95 degree heat, Babs, whose musical taste runs to salsa and James Taylor, leaned out the window and gleefully sang to passing vehicles, "I just wanna FUCK YOU!" In fact, she rewound the tape a few times to get back to that lyric. Go, girl. She also liked "Bitch

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Theme.'' (Repeat: ''Yer such a bitch.'') Yeah, it's none too sisterly in spirit, but hostility is a natural part of life in the playground. I was quite partial to a version of ''Cherry Bomb'' that I'm sure the Runaways wish they had sung (''Hey, straight girl... I'll give you something to look for... grab you til you're sore!'') and ''Panik'' (''She's the hottest whore in town, the dominatrix of my dreams...'').

DYKE POWER

Olympia is a big dyke town. Says Candice, ''It's been, for as long as I can remember, lesbo heaven. A small-town community, a small college, and, like, hot-rod lesbos all over the place.'' Donna agrees, but adds, ''A lot of them are... 'bisensual.' '' Whatever their identity, they can go to Thekla, a club which welcomes everybody and posts a sign warning bigots to stay out.

Imagine my surprise when I discover I'm in *The Gay Agenda*. In the face of an OCA-type campaign in the state, the video is being shown as a warning by the pro-gay opposition. In the starring role is footage of SF's AB 101 protests and the parade: lots of leather dudes, etc. A married ''ex-gay'' man lamenting his homosexual damage (''I will never fully conquer my wife'') brings screams of derision from women in the audience. I'm in the sequel, shot at the March on Washington. What a keepsake. I guess their choice of footage is supposed to be scary, but I thought it was kind of a neat memento. It's something I can show my, eh, teddy bear.

Dykes are becoming more fierce, too. The lesbian trio CWA raps about hot, sweaty dyke sex and avenging street harassment. Allison says in admiration, ''They're all about girls and guns... It's just like meeting the threat of violence with the threat of violence.'' It's apparently a little more than local boys can handle, because Allison says men have come up to her on the street to complain. ''Obviously, they're really threatened by this big dyke scene here. They'll say, 'I just don't understand. They're really man-hating. I'm victimized, too.''' Oh, boo-hoo.

The grafitti in town is heavily laced with Riot Grrrl and dyke power slogans, such as tags by the dyke gang E-6 (the Essential Six) and OLIVIA (Olympia Lesbians in Violent Insurrection Alliance). You see, behind Olympia's placid exterior lies a fierce struggle for preeminence, and its icons are the faces of pop and rock as personified by...: Well, as Allison explains, ''It's sort of like these girl gangs are gonna have a rumble out back and it's all about whether you align yourself with Olivia Newton-John or Joan Jett.'' After I stop laughing, I ask her to explain. ''Everybody knows that Joan Jett is the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll and the greatest, and so, it's like, of course the little dog has to bark loudest, and so OLIVIA's name is all over town,'' she says with disdain. A Joaner, I surmise.

But, alliances are hard to predict, since Kathleen, after declaring her devotion to OLIVIA, headed off to Seattle to meet up with her friend Joan. A traitorous gesture, I would have thought. Allison says, ''It's kind of hard because some of the people are in both gangs.'' Uh-huh. I wonder just what the initiation ceremony is like. And as for this rumble... ''It's more a sexual thing,'' says Kathleen, smiling. ''They'll probably try to out-hump each other on the dance floor,'' says Donna, who adds, ''I'm really more of a Chrissie Hynde person. Maybe I should start a gang for that.'' Allison sums it up best: ''You have to do a lot of creating your own fun here.''

Camilla, Dana and K.T. of CWA have certainly done that. Exciting things I learn about them: they all play on the same rugby team and have matching tattoos; Camilla and Dana are single and looking; Dana's nickname is ''The Sexecutioner''; they dedicate all their shows to Joan Jett; they travel with an entourage. Goddess help the moron who somersaulted into the Oly girls at Bratmobile's show at the Chameleon. They hustled him into the men's room, where he was doomed to suffer asphyxiation from urinal fumes, an appropriate punishment, I thought.

Back in Olympia, though, I recall the highlight as being a dyke bandanna (hankie) party at Camilla's house, which attracts a slew of dykes and honorary dykes for some fun: girls in collars being led around by other girls, girls making beer runs, dirty dancing to bad '70s rock. As for those hankie codes, though... Let's see: black leather. ''Left side: want to be Joan Jett. Right side: want to be done by Joan Jett.'' Hmmm. Dana tells me people are apt to stay up til 6 am, but our little gang leaves at 1:30, 'cause we have to drive back to Seattle, with just a little lump in the throat. Oly girls rule.

ENDNOTES...

Tribe 8 returns with a show upstairs at the Elbo Room on July 23. Chameleon weekend rock shows have been moved to the Elbo Room as of now... There's another Femjam at the Paradise Lounge on July 27 with sets from the Stepchildren and Blind Tom... The Lucy Stoners play Faster Pussycat July 28... D'Cuckoo has an all-ages show at the Great American Music Hall July 30. ✿

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Under the direction of Stan Hill, this year the chorus celebrates its 15th anniversary by releasing a new recording, *Brahms, Bernstein & the Boys!*, recorded live at Davies Hall in the SFGMC's season opener. Available on tape and CD, the recording also features *Everyone Sang!*, by Robert Seeley, along with Conrad Susa's arrangements of Brahms' *Vier Ernste Gesange*, and a tribute to Bernstein with selections from *Candide* and *West Side Story* (Have you ever heard 150 guys sing ''I feel pretty?''). The chorus sings with solid tone, rich and full, and the recordings' only technical flaw seems to be the lack of a bet-

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The SF Gay Men's Chorus 15th anniversary recording, "Brahms, Bernstein & the Boys," includes selections from Candide, West Side Story and others. If you missed their concert at Davies, pick up a copy.

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ter balance for the solo voices in some sections.

The SFGMC's celebration continues also with a musically ambitious season. After the big opening bash last March, the Chorus returned to Davies Hall last Saturday for the second of three concerts in this year, offering a program titled *Our Gay Legacy*. Our local boys were joined by the visiting Portland Gay Men's Chorus and Boston Gay Men's Chorus, putting on a highly charged and energetic evening of choral singing.

The program opened with the three choruses singing *We Start Today* in unison, from David Shire Baby, before music director Jon Rollins led his 40-voice Portland Gay Men's Chorus in a rousing medley entitled *Sex, Boys and Rock 'n Roll*, which tickled the audience with delight. The final piece in the medley, "I Will Follow Him" (like a typical church service hymn), took on a whole new meaning. The next piece, "Chances Are," by Harry Stillman, even included a fully choreographed same-sex *pas-de-deux*.

The campiness was put temporarily on hold for San Francisco composer David Conte's *Canticle III: From the Rising Sun*, and, fun aside, it allowed the choristers from Portland to reveal the more insightful musical qualities of this chamber-sized group. Before the Portland men finished their selections with Sondheim's "No One Is Alone" (from *Into the Woods*) and Pitchford's "One More Time" (from *Sarafina!*), Jon Rollins spoke to the audience, sharing some poignant insight on the anti-gay agenda being peddled in the state of Oregon.

The Boston Gay Men's Chorus then took its turn, led by music director Robert Barney, and opened with two choral suites on poems by Walt Whitman, *Words for the Future*, composed by Stuart Raleigh, and *A Life of Joy With You*, by Bill Cutter. The highly contrastive character of these pieces demands a great deal of versatility and stylistic fluency from an ensemble, and the solid sonorities Barney extracted from his 90-voice ensemble certainly proved that they can deliver the goods. The Bostonians closed their set with everyone's high school graduation hit "I Sing the Body Electric," from *Fame*, performed with a passion of 90 Irene Caras.

After intermission, the men from the three choruses stripped off their black tuxedos and came back on stage in gay street attire (leather, jeans, boots, gym clothing, military uniforms, high heels and dresses) to enact *Hidden Legacies*, a performance work by Roger Bourland with lyrics by John Hall (both of whom were in attendance). Described on the program notes as a cantata for the AIDS generation, it is a collection of seven movements, nearly operatic in scope, which evoke public and private episodes in the AIDS crisis. Commissioned by the Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus in 1991, the score of *Hidden Legacies* touches upon the depressing sadness as well as the individual and collective learning which came out of the crisis, and it is simply impossible for a listener not to become intensely involved with the work. In this Bay Area premiere of *Hidden Legacies*, one sensed an almost religious fervor coming from the capacity audience at Davies.

The third program in the SFGMC will be the *Big Hair Holiday!*, Dec. 17-19 at the new Center for the Arts Theatre at Yerba Buena Gardens. If you missed their first concert this season, get the recording of *Brahms, Bernstein & the Boys!* Call the SFGMC at (415) 863-4472 for info. ✿

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So ends the "Story of Pizza" printed on the reverse of Tommaso's wine list. Tommaso's notoriety extends beyond merely introducing Californians to pizza pie; in the early '70s, when California cuisine was an infant, chefs like Alice Waters, Jeremiah Tower and Wolfgang Puck studied Tommaso's wood-burning brick oven, borrowed its design for their own establishments, and raised pizza to the trendy heights it has reached today.

This charming nook in the old center of North Beach has been a San Francisco favorite for nearly 60 years, and the legend continues. Grandparents who dined as newlyweds in the 1940s take their grandkids, and the food still holds fascination for all. Originally named Lupo's, after owner/chef Eduardo Cantalupo, Tommaso's was born when Cantalupo retired in 1971, leaving the business to the chef at the time, Tommy Chin. Chin had worked at Lupo's for 25 years and frequented the nearby Caffe Trieste, where he met and became friends with Agostino Crotti. Crotti became the owner by July 1973 and, with Chin's guidance, retained the original recipes for fine Neapolitan food, the lyrical atmosphere and, of course, that famous oven.

Descending a half flight of stairs from street level, guests leave behind the cacophony of pornography shops and bustling traffic on Kearny Street to find themselves in a softly lit cavern of wooden booths, a long center row of tables, and murals of the Amalfi Coast and the Bay of Naples. A proud wall displays the many reviews received in a half-century of business; another wall posts handprinted specials, which in fact are available most nights. Tablecloths are covered with plastic slipcovers, just like at your Aunt Sophie's house. And who will be your waiter? Perhaps Carmen Crotti, Agostino's sister, or Agostino himself, strolling through the room in his red smoking jacket, greeting his guests or carrying steaming plates of lasagne. If you're lucky you'll get a glimpse of Mama Crotti making her special *tiramisu*. Rustic ceramic pitchers of wine and vases of simple, fresh flowers adorn the tabletops.

A plate of seasonal, crisp **Asparagus Vinaigrette** ($5) had a fresh, herbal taste with a thyme-enhanced red wine vinaigrette. A huge pile of **Baked Fresh Coo-Coo Clams** ($8.50) were briny and sweet, although hampered by an oily, flat broth with lemon, parsley and garlic. But, my, oh my, what a crowning sensation was the **Pizza With Clams and Garlic** (small, $12.50). A rich, tangy tomato sauce married perfectly with chopped clams and garlic over a crisp, floury, utterly

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satisfying crust. I was in awe.

It's not that Tommaso's serves the greatest Italian food ever; it's quite good, and some of the dishes are unequalled. What makes Tommaso's remarkable is the *feel* of the place. Before the age of Hollywood's great restaurants (the Brown Derby, Perino's, Chasen's), movie stars and the like would travel to San Francisco, to Lupo's, for what Betty Hutton called "the Greatest Food on Earth," at a time when a large pizza sold for $2.50. In those days truly great restaurants weren't a dime a dozen; star chefs were rare and celebrated, their establishments well lived-in and cherished. All the fixtures, murals and bricks of Tommaso's are still intact from that era of glitz and a warm, convivial glow remains.

I couldn't imagine a better spot in which to enjoy the luscious **Lasagne** ($9), a mouth-melting layering of homemade pasta, creamy *bechamel*, and red sauce, the whole slathered in a meaty tomato sauce. For those who enjoy such things, the **Veal Scaloppine Parmigiana** ($13.50) would prove a safe dish: tender slabs of veal are covered in a layer of melted mozzarella, and accompanied by a toothsome *rigatoni a la marinara*, a standard dish that didn't thrill me. A generous plate of **Half Spaghetti, Half Ravioli With Meatballs** ($10) did thrill me, with a tangle of *al dente* noodles and spinach-ricotta stuffed pasta squares alongside several "speecy spicy" meatballs, velvety and moist. Any of the entrees are more than enough for one.

Tommaso's modest wine list includes mostly Italian bottles, with some notable selections (**Vernaccia, di San Gimignano,** $17; **Amarone, Cesari,** $22) and several California staples. **Moretti Beer** ($3) is always a fine choice, as well.

My motto, "As long as you're there, you might as well have dessert," is reliable at Tommaso's, where the **Spumoni** ice cream ($2.50), chocolate and vanilla *gelati* blended with candied fruit and nuts, comes from the neighboring Gelato Classico; the **St. Honore Cake** ($3.50) fulfills, with its ricotta-cream filling and little cream puff garnished with a stewed cherry; and the house-made, crunchy tubes of **Cannoli** ($3) are stuffed to order with sweetened ricotta and citrus peel.

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Fire in the Rain... Singer in the Storm

Two years ago I reviewed Holly Near's *Fire in the Rain...* at its San Jose Repertory premiere. At that time I dared anyone sitting through the first five minutes of her musical docudrama "not to fall in love with this extraordinarily charismatic performer." I see no reason to change my opinion.

Fire in the Rain... was adapted from Near's autobiography by her and her sister Timothy, who directs. This career story set to music follows the singer from childhood (when we first hear her taped piping voice sing "a song of love is a sad song," on a Northern California hilltop) to the fulfillment of her dream of singing on Broadway (*Hair*) and becoming a recording star (16 albums). A liberal activist, Near has never failed to make her music serve her conscience. Dedicated to the causes of world peace, feminism, sexual liberation and racial equality, she has lived and crammed more into her 44 years than most of us will in our allotted lifetimes.

Against a large projection screen centered over two curving ramps covered with dried grasses, this strawberry blonde interweaves song and story in a cinematic montage that illustrates her commitments, achievements and sometimes embarrassing revelations: Stressed out in Paris in 1984, Near wakes to find herself in bed with a rock musician; a decade earlier, returning from a war zone tour she naively remarks to an interviewer that there are no lesbians in our armed forces in Vietnam.

Near delights, too, in telling of her first attempts to break into the recording industry, when the response to her auditions was such remarks as, "We can't sell you as a pop singer. There's no submission in your voice." Near's subsequent founding of her own Redwood Records was a reaction to those early sexist rebuffs.

Supported by the unobtrusive but fine accompaniment of John Bucchino on piano, Near sings with an incandescent simplicity 14 of her own songs, from such activist anthems as "GI Movement," "Great March" and "Singing for Our Lives," to the eloquently emotional "Imagine My Surprise," "Simply Love," and the powerfully moving "Fire in the Rain."

While working with the women of the women's music movement, she felt the first stirrings of lesbianism and confessed an exhilarating turn-on while watching a guitarist's hands. Later, when she came out, her heterosexual friends were quick to express their outrage and betrayal. Later still, when her lesbian friends learned she was having an affair with a man, they were no less quick to express outrage.

But Holly Near is her own woman. Reared by a loving family that taught her to think for herself, she does. She is neither self-congratulatory nor self-pitying. From Hanoi to Nicaragua to Washington, she's always been out front. And now she's out, and it's full speed ahead. She is what she is and what she is is a truly wonderful performer.

Fire in the Rain... Singer in the Storm continues through Aug. 1 at the Stage Door Theatre. Not to be missed. Call (415) 433-9500 or any BASS outlet.

Holly Near: Forging her own path with no apologies to anyone. Photo by Jay Thompson

Dead Boy

Joe Pintauro's new play, a world premiere production by the San Francisco Theatre Project, directed by Ed Hastings, takes for its plot the events surrounding the near collapse of New York's youth rehabilitation center, Covenant House, when its founder Bruce Ritter was accused of sexually abusing a number of teenage boys.

"Dead Boy" is the phrase the drug addicted young hustlers of the dock area call themselves. Used and abused, they consider themselves dead to society and to themselves.

Will Draper (J. Todd Adams) is a salvaged "dead boy." Taken under the wing of Father Robert (Lawrence Hecht), he has straightened himself out and completed his education. Now he has inexplicably leaked a story of his sexual affair with the priest (for a $500 gratuity) to a nosy reporter.

As coincidence would have it, Father Robert's superior, the cardinal (Will Marchetti) has an investigative reporter niece who has been assigned by her publisher to either bury the story or blow it wide open.

J. Todd Williams (l) and Lawrence Hecht in "Dead Boy."

A fine dramatic premise to be sure, and a current image problem for the church as more and more cases are exposed, but the author's script too often has the flat, factual tone of newspaper reporting. That the director and some fine actors manage to touch our emotions at all is to their credit. Scenes between Father Robert and Slim Eagleton (Marcia Pizzo), the newspaper reporter, read like first draft dialogue. Slim, a lapsed Catholic, has only recently returned to New York from California where she was living with a married Jewish man. A friend for many years of Father Robert, she is now adamant in her refusal to accept his proclamation of innocence. Her motivations are unclear at best. One moment her vindictive attack seems aimed at embarrassing the church. In other scenes her grudge would seem to be against men in general as represented by the priest. She chooses to believe Will Draper's story.

As the audience, we are privy to a confession made by Will to the cardinal in which Will says his story was a lie. He accepts $500 from the cardinal to pay back the reporter and clear the name of his benefactor. Then Will promptly tells Slim that he lied to the cardinal.

Slim will not be dissuaded from bringing Father Robert to his knees and begs him to confess his homosexuality and digressions to her, promising

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to kill the story if he does. How could she possibly justify this moral lapse if she's so convinced of his guilt? He refuses.

In one truly moving scene, Father Robert confronts his younger self (also played by J. Todd Adams). For all the poignancy Adams brought to his interior dialogue, his double casting was a clever, if frustrating, ploy.

Val Hendrickson was Brother Rosetti, who popped on now and then with comments designed to keep us on track.

Fascinating? Yes. Emotionally and intellectually satisfying? Not particularly. Pintauro has tackled an important issue, but his startling resolution left me with a disquieting impression that I'd been tricked.

Dead Boy continues at the Magic Theater, Fort Mason. Call 474-8855.

Keith Haring's My Idol!

New York playwright Larry Myers is spending the summer in San Francisco and his weekends at the Marsh, where five of his two-character plays and five of his monologues are rotating in repertory. Myers' slightly cockeyed world is inhabited with the dispossessed, disenfranchised and disillusioned. They're not the kind of people you want to sit next to on the bus unless you don't mind missing your next few stops. Because when these desperately friendly wastrels strike up a conversation, it's a 20-minute, no-exit ride on the rollercoaster of hard knocks.

Just imagine what a family reunion would be like if Tennessee Williams, Carson McCullers, Beth Henley, Eudora Welty, Truman Capote and Flannery O'Connor contributed one character each... Everybody talking at the same time, mostly about themselves, with very little actual communication. Not always a pretty picture, but a funny and poignant one—like winning Miss Congeniality in a beauty contest.

Keith Haring's My Idol: Ten tales of the disenfranchised, dispossessed and disillusioned.

Tarantulas Dancing, my favorite for its emotional intensity, interrupts neurotic Southern expatriate Mydarlin (Kim Parolari) frantically packing to vacate her East Village cold water flat before the new tenant arrives with her cats and before her freeloading, alcoholic, drug-addicted, sexist, racist ex-boyfriend shows up. Too late! In charges Bucky (Dominik Overstreet) with her favorite doll, which he expects to ransom for his iron (he *likes* to iron). Exuding raw sexuality, the battle is joined. He remembers the good times, she remembers the bad. She's determined to wheel a grocery cart of her belongings through the snowy night to a new life in Soho away from overly tattooed people and away from Bucky's glistening, naked upper torso.

Parolari pulls out all the stops in a compelling performance that hints of the fiery talent that made a star of the young Vivien Leigh. She is well-matched by Overstreet's charismatic display of both passive and aggressive sexuality.

In *Queen of the Hot Room*, Ruby (Suzan Kendall) is distracted from her ironing by pop-in, accident-prone neighbor Sherry (Mary Milton). The two dissect their own and each other's disappointments and misfortunes with the friendly viciousness that only good friends will put up with.

Small Town Girls With Big Problems introduces Mary (Michaela Greeley), a beehived, stiletto-heeled roller skate queen and former lover of a hot rod biker. A reborn Christian, she's put that life behind her and moved into a trailer park where her first caller is social misfit Ruth (Sarah Huntington Rossell), the Welcome Wagon Lady. Declining the offer of coupons for such freebies as a rat trap, Mary launches into the details of her checkered past while Ruth indulges herself in memories of her husband's heart attack in another woman's bed. But what really sets Ruth off is the lack of real stars on today's movie screens. When Mary reveals that the face of Jesus has been seen on the nape of her neck, they can only join hands and pray.

Torch Song is the solo lament of Mary Milton as a lounge singer on the move from town to town but always ready to perform in her brocade cocktail dress and long white gloves. They'll never catch her, she muses, because she's dyed her hair and burned off her fingerprints. Pushed to the limit by unappreciative, mocking listeners, she torched a club. Actually, she prefers the word "saboteur" to "arsonist." So if you smell a little Zippo fluid....

In *Xmas a Go-Go*, a department store's Santa's workshop is the domain of gift wrapper Carol (Suzan Kendall) and the changing room for just-laid-off, elf-eared hypochondriac Arden (Willard Chin). As in most of Myers' plays, the protagonists exhibit an instant dislike for each other before discovering that loneliness is their common problem. Carol's Gothic memories are of an adored go-go mother who twirled flaming batons and only set herself on fire twice. Her mother filled their half-trailer with crafts made of macaroni and empty ham cans. When Carol's father died (stabbed by a flocked Christmas tree) her spike-heeled mother tripped at the funeral and slid right into the open grave. Yes, Christmas has special memories for her.

Jeff Thompson directed three and Charles E. Polly directed seven of the works. *Keith Haring's My Idol* continues at the Marsh through July 25. Call 641-0235.

Jubilee

Reviewed by Charles Whaley

Cole Porter's 1935 score for *Jubilee*, threaded through Moss Hart's funny libretto about a reluctant royal family doing a disappearing act to live a few happy days as commoners, gave the world such gems as "Begin the Beguine," "Why Shouldn't I?" and "Just One of Those Things."

Yet so far as I can determine, only twice outside of concert versions has the show been revived—in 1946 in St. Louis and in 1979 in New York. Maybe all the proper names of that era that are dropped into Porter's songs and Hart's book are the problem; audiences today won't recognize most of them.

In the concert version of *Jubilee* which producers and cast members Greg MacKellan and Stephanie Rhoads have unveiled as the first in their "Lost Musical" series at the New Conservatory Theatre, not a word of the original script has been changed, according to MacKellan, although, as narrator, he provides an introduction to set the scenes.

Jubilee is a joyous trip back to a more innocent time, but it is surprisingly sophisticated and modern in some of its exchanges. A retort that conjures up the current issue of gays in the military gets a huge laugh for different reasons than the laugh it undoubtedly got in the original production.

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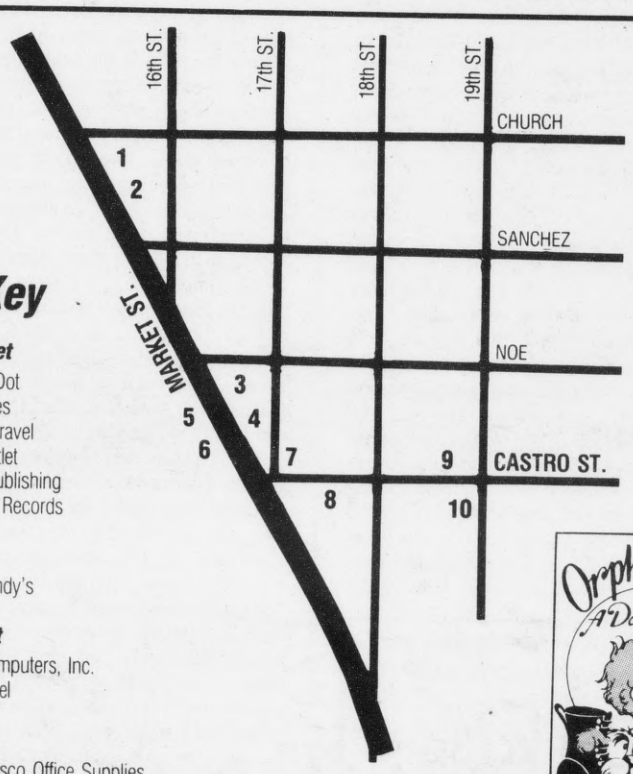

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by Randy Turoff

Pasolini Retrospective Blends Comedy and Cruelty

The Istituto Italiano di Cultura, in association with the San Francisco Film Society is presenting a two-week retrospective of the works of the controversial gay filmmaker Pier Paolo Pasolini. Pasolini, a legendary director in his time, was murdered by a trick in the streets of Rome in 1975 at the age of 53. He left behind an extensive opus of sexy, brutal, poetic, religious, political and mythic films of a most original nature.

Among my favorite Pasolini features is his 1970 film *Medea*, featuring the opera diva Maria Callas in the title role. Capturing the primitive mythic qualities of the Greek tragedy, Pasolini addresses the sensuality, passion and narrative complexity of the pre-Christian epic of infanticide. Showing the Mediterranean people as a shifting conglomeration of racially and culturally diverse warring tribes, Pasolini situates the story in a believable anthropological historic context—something previously unattempted and still rarely done in popular films.

In his 1968 film *Teorema*, he features Terence Stamp as the pansexual stranger with a power of seduction rivaling only Dionysus incarnate. In later years, Pasolini was to extend his exploration of seduction, sodomy and scatology with his *Decameron* (as gross as Boccaccio's original text and as broadly satirical), *The Canterbury Tales* and 1974 rendition of *The Arabian Nights*. Sexual cruelty and torture figure as subject matter in his last and prescient film *Salo*, based on de Sade's *120 Days of Sodom*. Perhaps his most ambitious literary film is *The Gospel According to Matthew*, which features his own mother as the Virgin Mary and depicts Jesus as a hardened political revolutionary.

Pasolini identified as a cultural outlaw and a radical poet, whether he was actually writing poetry, novels, screenplays or newspaper articles. His early film career started with an apprenticeship to Federico Fellini, and in fact, Pasolini's youthful works have much in common with Fellini's mystical peasant films with their blend of magic and realism, fairy tale simplicity and artistic complexity.

What is especially exciting about this retrospective is the presentation of early works by Pasolini which include his rarely seen Comic Episodes (1962-1969). The short films are perfect gems, and strung together they constitute a charming evening of film viewing. Appearing in these early episodes are two of Italy's renowned comic actors, Toto (a Chaplinesque type) and Ninetto (a younger puppet of a man and Toto's sidekick). As one who pretty much abhors slapstick or precious mime, I can assure you that Toto and Ninetto are a pleasure to watch. *Hawks and Sparrows*, a feature-length film starring Toto, Ninetto and a raven, is a Marxist parable about power and class abuse, with *Waiting for Godot* kind of overtones.

Filmmaker Pier Paolo Pasolini.

Among the wonderful short films being shown at the Castro is *The Earth Seen From The Moon*, a poetic fairy tale played like a silent film with broad gestures and the Chaplinesque characters, Toto and Ninetto. *What Are Clouds?* is a fantastic rendition of Shakespeare's *Othello*, where the characters are human actors playing puppets, instead of the usual puppet theater convention of puppets playing human characters. In this beautiful reversal, the people move on strings and hold their expressions and gestures as if they had wooden joints. The story of *Othello* also moves contradistinctively, as members of the audience in the small town theater suddenly burst onto the stage, interacting with the plot and taking justice into their own murderous hands. In this version, however, Desdemona doesn't die but is resurrected backstage as a puppet prop waiting for her next chance for life on stage.

The most self-consciously cinematic work of art and my overall favorite is *Cream Cheese* (*La Ricotta*). This film is a behind-the-scenes look at the filming of the Crucifixion. As Christ is being hauled up the cross, the wrong music backdrops the action, and rock 'n' roll gets cued up instead of Scarlatti. On a more sinister note, Orson Welles plays the cynical director orchestrating posed performances by million-dollar actresses alongside the bawdy and corruptible peasants playing extras in his film. The shoot leaves a man dead on the cross as paparazzi descend on the set with VIPs for a post-Last Supper photo op. The film is as much a comment on the human condition, greedy consumerism, mob psychology, and bread-and-circus entertainment, as it is on filmmaking and the staging of real events as artifice.

The Pasolini retrospective runs at the Castro Theatre from July 23-Aug. 5. Check the Castro Summer Schedule for the full list of Pasolini films being shown.

Dialogues With Madwomen

The premiere of Allie Light and Irving Saraf's *Dialogues With Madwomen* will take place on July 16 at the Castro Theatre as a benefit for the Women's Building. Light and Saraf are Bay Area filmmakers who captured an Academy Award last year for their documentary about the San Francisco Opera chorus, *In the Shadow of the Stars*. *Dialogues*, inspired by Light's own bout with depression and her experiences with the medical establishment, is a much more personal film than *Shadow*. The film interviews seven women who share not only their stories, but their dreams, memories and opinions about their own madness. Adding to conventional talking-head documentary format, the film enriches the interviews with dramatic re-enactments and visualizations for each story.

This latest work from Light and Saraf pushes the envelope of our expectations about what one might expect from a film titled *Dialogues With Madwomen*. It debunks a kind of romantic myth or nightmare fascination with lunacy, while retaining the point of view that madwomen are often artistic types and can be very creative when their pain and their debilitating and time-consuming problems are held at bay.

"Dialogues": A personal and moving account of women's depression. Photo by Jim Block

The lack of psychobabble and "dysfunctional" dialogue is refreshing. The women speak right out, not only about sexual abuse and gross maltreatment, but about the actual fantasies or strategies they used to cope with their traumas and to keep a life going until the fantasies outran them. With amazing candor we hear from a vivacious African-American woman, now a dancer, who spent time in the '80s going for a law degree at Stanford, while trying to compete with and trying to be a white boy. We hear her story of taking a leave of absence to try to figure things out and her subsequent rape at a retreat by a male spiritual facilitator. We see a re-enactment of herself as a bag lady huddling in the ladies' room at the San Francisco Airport. She, like others in the film who had been subject to social, gender and sexual abuse, suffered a numbing depression for a while.

Allie Light describes depression as the absence of feeling, an absence and a nothingness so severe that one is completely walled off from feeling anything at all toward one's friends, lovers, children. Many of the women describe how oversedation and hospitalization just pushed their lives further along the downward spiral. Healing did not happen through the medical establishment, but despite it. Spirituality (individually defined), integrating multiple splits of personality types within themselves, and basic human kindness and care toward themselves, seem to have helped the women the most in the healing process.

The women all speak of mistreatment at the hands of health professionals, mostly men, and about gender problems created and perpetuated by sexual abuse. The women speak a lot about how hard it is being treated as a loonie instead of as a person in trouble. One woman says that if she had been married to a man she'd never have been locked up in the first place. Another speaks of an all-day ambulance drive from city hospital to clinic to state hospital without an offer of water or food. She speaks about her fear and anger at being tied up and drugged at the end of the harrowing trip. Whatever manic problems she had to begin with were exacerbated by hypoglycemia and by her indignation turned to rage.

Allie Light speaks of how her depression, while she was a married housewife and mother, deepened to the point where she checked herself into a day ward for help. She says that to this day, 30 years later, she still cannot comprehend why the admitting doctor, who had her stripped and kept her sitting naked under fluorescent lights, could have dared to ask her whether or not she liked to suck her husband's cock. For women who have been sexually abused by men as children, the gender power imbalance can be a particular sore point, and insensitivity is often seen as a prelude to, and a reverberation from, the worst sort of mistreatment experienced in the past.

Several of the women in this film are lesbian-identified, but the majority are not. Many were heavy-duty political activists in the '70s. Many are artists and ex-psychedelic trippies. All are articulate, outspoken and conscious of women's issues. One ex-Catholic-school dyke speaks about the Mental Patient Liberation Movement. She says the Women's Movement never embraced her because she was a lesbian. The lesbians didn't want her to say she was a mental patient. Finding herself a place in the scheme of things has helped her to heal. Her story, along with stories of the others, are rendered in depth in this powerful documentary from the Bay Area.

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The Nerd contest at the Eagle was a nonstop laugh. Photo by St. Clair

by st. clair adams

Bashing From Within

So often I see verbal or political bashing of gay men or lesbians by other members of the homosexual community—as if we didn't have enough problems with the general public already. I feel we cannot afford to allow our support for each other to break down.

There are many different types of abuse: discrimination, name calling, starting rumors and, last but not least, physical harm. The leather community is in no way the only group that does this, but this is a leather column. My purpose here is to point out that the problem exists and shed some light in hopes that one or two (hopefully more) will stop and think.

Some of our best people have been hurt by someone grabbing onto a senseless piece of garbage and perpetuating it throughout the community. Sometimes people ask their friends to join in, because they are not man or woman enough to handle it themselves. We may have differences between ourselves, but we need to understand that the energy we spend on negative attacks could be spent on the resolving the problems we face.

We have lost so many good people and hard workers because they are tired of the politics and unprovoked attacks. Most of these people are only trying to help with the crises or make the community a little nicer place to be. There is so much backstabbing and jealousy, it can make doing a good deed unpleasant. I, for one, have felt the point of the blade more times that I care to remember. I have made some honest mistakes, but it seems that a few people just cannot let go.

If a person makes a mistake, we have to say to ourselves that they are only human. Everyone deserves a little forgiveness for their errors, even those who are doing the bashing. I don't like some things that people do, but I try to keep in mind that I do not live their life. If you feel angry at what someone is doing or has said, then tell them to their face and move on. Moving on is not easy by any means, but it has to be done.

It has been pointed out—and I agree—that we tend to strike out and hurt the ones who are closest to us. Therefore, the anger and pain the members of the homosexual community feel in response to outside events gets transferred to one of own members. We have lost so many people and been beaten, called names, discriminated against and hated by so many, that its understandable that we have a great deal of anger. We as a collective need to find a release other than hurting people. Let us be better than those who have hurt us!!!

WACKY WOMAN STRIKES AGAIN

You should check out the big displays that Mark Decicco has been putting up all over the place. This 100-year-old pack rat has memorabilia from years past coming out his ears. Most of his stuff he has collected, but he does take donations of gay historical items. Mark got the idea to put his stuff on display from a friend one day while they were spring cleaning. His first showing was at A Different Light Bookstore on Castro in 1990 during the Castro Street Fair. He also has more displays currently at the RRR on the Russian River, the Jackhammer here in San Francisco, and a new one at A Different Light Bookstore. Mark says that his way of contributing is reminding or educating us in the way we were. Up and coming work will be a collage of military items at the RRR, another for the RRR Grand Opening, and a T-shirt masterpiece at the Jackhammer. Also!— Mark is writing a book on memorabilia. I recommend that you check out his work. You may see something that brings back memories.

GREAT BUNS CALENDAR

Vern Stewart (King of Leather '93) carries on the Great Buns calendar contest and continues to get a good number of contestants. Each month's winner will receive a $75 cash prize when they are photographed. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars go to the AIDS Emergency Fund. This month's winner was a hunky looking guy named 'Spot,' aka Paul. Nice Buns!!!

THE NERD CONTEST

Skeeter (SF Dyke Daddy II) had her birthday party at the Eagle on Friday, July 9, and had one of the largest turnouts of contestants for a competition. Many titleholders dressed up as the nerdiest bunch I have ever seen. It was a non-stop laugh and very unusual. Jennifer Boyd won the title of Nerd '93 and she deserved the honor. This was such a hit that I am sure that this type of contest will happen many more times. The proceeds from this event went to the AIDS Emergency Fund and breast cancer research.

THE LEATHER AWARDS

Wally Sherwood put on a nice little gathering of leather types, both men and women for the Third Leather Awards on July 10 at the Jackhammer. Mistress of Ceremonies was Pat Califia (editor and publisher of *Venus Infers* magazine) and Master of Ceremonies was Bert Herrman (editor and publisher of *Trust* magazine) who did a great job on emceeing without a microphone. The award for Most Outstanding Leatherman went to Lenny Broberg, Most Outstanding Leather Bar/Business was the SF Eagle, Most Outstanding Leatherwoman was Queen Cougar, Most Underrated Leather Supporter was Bill Camilo, Most Outstanding Leather Organization was the Phoenix Uniform Club, and the award for Leather Excellence went to the Jackhammer. If you get a chance pick up a copy of the Leather Lexicon. It has a schedule of events and some articles of notable interest.

LEATHER AUCTION

On Sunday, July 11, the Castro Lions Club held its 6th Annual Leather Auction on the Eagle's patio. Every year this club raises thousands of dollars for charity. This auction is a good place to buy leather toys and clothing at a reasonable price. They had a very good selection of things this year and did a great job of serving the crowd. All of the members of the Castro Lions are helpful and very friendly and do a lot for local support. The group also includes women into their club and events. Check them out sometime.

COMING UP

Mr. Northern Calif. Drummer: It is that time of year again for the Mr. Northern California Drummer and Drummer Boy contests. The contest is being held on Saturday, July 17, at 174 King St. near 3rd St. with doors opening at 6 pm. After the contest Mr. S Leathers presents "The Real Black Party" with demos, dancing, and debauchery till dawn. Ticket prices for the contest are $10, $8 for the dance, or a combo price of $15.

Greg's Ball Room: On Thursday, July 22, Greg's Ball Room is having Leather/Uniform Night during its anniversary week. Greg's has been holding leather nite for a while now and is getting a good crowd. Drop on by and see what they have going. Greg's is located at 551 W. Julian on the corner of Montgomery in downtown San Jose. For directions call (408) 286-4388.

SF Leather Daddy XI: On Saturday, July 30, the Mr. SF Leather Daddy XI contest will be held

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Theatre...

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MacKellan, reading the part of the stuffy prime minister, insists that the king, queen, prince and princess flee on the eve of the king's jubilee to Feathermore, "that vast, nasty castle in the North" to avoid a threat of violence from "the radicals."

But the royals elude him and follow their separate hearts' desires: The queen (Sarah Dacey) is dying to see a new Johnny Weissmuller-type movie star's (Steven F. Sutherland) new movie, called *Mowgli and the White Goddess*; the king (Robert Nichols) wants to perfect his trick of turning a piece of string into a sailor's knot; Princess Diana (Stephanie Rhoads) falls for an egotistically charming Noel Coward-like playwright named Eric Dare (John Powell); and the prince (Steve Zee) is enamored of a Ginger Rogers-type nightclub singer/dancer named Karen O'Kane (Meg Mackay). Doing his string trick on a park bench, the king is discovered by an Elsa Maxwell-type party giver, Eva Standing (Judy Rae Whiting), who views every celebrity as her most intimate friend; she arranges for the incognito king to entertain at her big masked party at which all the royals and their new friends show up.

Everything is neatly resolved, the threat from "the radicals" proves to be a hoax, the royals go back to being bored, dedicated royals, and the commoners go back to being commoners, a cue for "Just One of Those Things," one of the two showstoppers gorgeously sung by Meg Mackay and danced to perfection by Steve Zee. Mackay's other showstopper is "Begin the Beguine," a family standard that you think no one could make new again—but she does.

In the other best-known number from the score, Stephanie Rhoads does a heartfelt "Why Shouldn't I?" She and Powell also sing beautifully the Noel Coward-like tune "When Love Comes Your Way."

But much pleasure also comes from hearing the unfamiliar Porter songs: "My Most Intimate Friend" (hilariously done by Whiting); "A Picture of Me Without You" (delightfully crooned by Zee and Mackay, and reprised by Whiting, Dacey, Nichols and Sutherland); "Me and Marie" and "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" (endearingly sung by Dacey, Nichols and the company); "Good Morning, Miss Standing" (Whiting again, with secretaries); "Feathermore" (the royal family's lament about that ghastly castle); and "The Kling-Kling Bird on the Divi-Divi Tree" (a star turn for Powell with comic assistance from Scott Grinthal as the bird and Curran Reichert in various guises).

In the strong cast directed by Dennis Kohles, special honors go to Sarah Dacey as the queen (she wants to be called "Butch") and the rubber-faced Robert Nichols as the king (he answers to the nickname "Tootsie") who carry out their roles with remarkable aplomb. Musical director Karl Pister's piano accompaniment was another asset.

Trivia buffs will tell you that back in 1935 the original show featured a young Montgomery Clift.

With *Jubilee* as its initial offering, the "Lost Musical" series is off to an auspicious start. Next up for the weekend of July 22-25 will be the Kurt Weill/Ogden Nash/S.J. Perelman *One Touch of Venus. Oh Lady! Lady!* by Jerome Kern, P.G. Wodehouse and Guy Bolton, plays the weekend of July 29-Aug. 1. The New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. Call 861-8972. ✿

Leather...

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at the Eagle. All of the proceeds from the beer bust will benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. Leather Daddy X Irwin Kane has done a fantastic job this past year and has done it all. He has put together many of his own productions, been a judge at many contests, and has been a barrel of laughs. Irwin is a good example of what a titleholder should live up to. Thank you Irwin and you deserve the credit!

Up Your Alley '93: On Sunday, Aug. 1, SMMILE presents "Up Your Alley '93" starting at 11 am on Dore Alley at Folsom. This is a scaled-down version of the Folsom Street Fair, but is just as fun. This leather block party will have crafts vendors, food booths, and live entertainment. All of the proceeds will be donated to Kairos, the Godfather Service Fund and the SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival. Hope to see you there.

Russian River Leather Weekend takes place Aug. 13-15 in Guerneville. A collection of events will fill your weekend with non-stop entertainment. There will be dance parties, a craft fair, title contest, workshops and a motorcycle run. The entertainers this year are Rainbeau, Terry Foster, Gail Smith and members from the Sacramento Leather Association. The Russian River Resort (the official host resort) is already quite full, but you may also try our other host resorts: Paradise Cove (707) 869-2706 and Highland Dell Inn (707) 865-1759. If you wish to camp out try our host campground, The Willows resort (707) 869-2824. Please join us this year for a weekend of high-energy partying. ✿

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dict now on methadone maintenance. Mordaunt points out that obtaining clean syringes and clean drugs by itself strongly protects addicts' health. As noted above, absence of concomitant infections seems definitely connected to the quality of the immune response against HIV.

The extent to which health-promoting behavior acts as the bridge between the various elements associated with prolonged survival could not be settled at the IX International Conference on AIDS. One researcher noted that the biologists and the psychologists studying survival are still in "different camps." Although the Berlin conference did nothing to bring the different disciplines together, it did at last provide an occasion to survey what various fields can now say about resistance to HIV and AIDS.

Further investigation is needed to expand previous observations, and some grand, unifying theory is required to apply the lessons of survival to the development of therapies. One meeting in Berlin attempted to initiate a network of long-term survivors and researchers to coordinate more study of survival factors. Aldyn McKean of ACT UP/New York, who gave a keynote address to the conference on the importance of studying long-term survival, is coordinating this embryonic association. Those interested in furthering research into the sources of long-term survival can reach him at (212) 674-2545.

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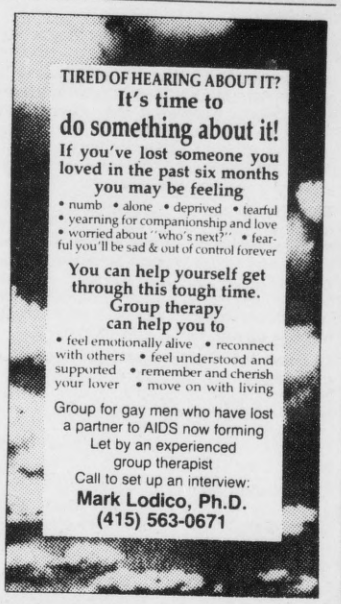
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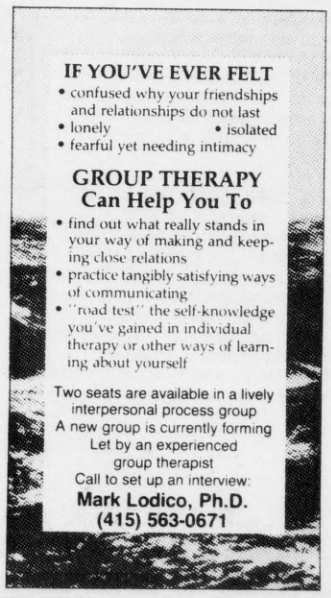
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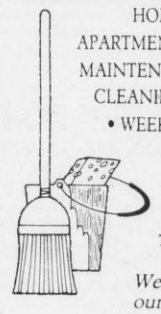

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Spiritual, affectionate, intelligent, big on personal growth, healthy lifestyle, socially active, well-developed sense of humor, outgoing, honest, playful, creative lesbian who loves a variety of outdoor and indoor activities. You are 40-55, of any race, androgynous, with similar qualities. I live in SF. Call ★★7647.

East Bay Or San Francisco

Active, responsible, intelligent and laughing 39 y.o. woman searching my horizons for a lesbian or bisexual partner who enjoys romance, companionship, love and sex. Please be pet friendly, comfortable with yourself and committed to equality and quality in relationships. Write to A.L., PO Box 28235, Oakland 94612 or call ★★7648 and tell me about your dreams and your realities.

Not Completely Hopeless

37 y.o. semi-neurotic, post therapy, sometimes cool, occasionally paranoid, rarely homicidal girl would like to meet similar intellectual, emotional, political, intuitional, artistic types for a thoroughly anxiety-producing experience. Are you up for it? Reply BT Box JY1B or call ★★7649.

A Romantic At Heart

Very feminine petite lesbian would like to meet other lipstick lesbians for friendship and possible relationship. I'm very attracted to European and Latin women. I enjoy walks in the park, poetry and the romanticism of life. I'm looking for someone whom I can share the joys and pleasures of life with. Call ★★7650.

Graduate Of "Our Lady Of Perpetual Indoctrination"

Attended Midwest all-girls Catholic high school and survived. Athletics kept me sane. Like to meet active 30s and 40s, near center on butch-femme. I'm attracted to good dancers. I hate the bar smoke, too, but put up with it. I'm funny, honest, friendly, shy, nonsmoker. Lots of interests described on my message so check it out. They preached miracles to us. Could this ad be one? Call ★★7651.

New To Berkeley, New To Ads

SWF, 40, professional, fat (Oprah-size), down-to-earth Midwestern woman, sincere, very honest, kindhearted and anxious to meet a similar woman, 40-60, to play tennis with, go to a movie, or just talk. I am a little shy. Please write BT Box JY2B or call ★★7652 soon.

Double Trouble Delight

Seeking submissive slut to serve and obey the master and the mistress. We are: two hot dominant females where mischief is our forte. You are: in the kind of pain that hurts so good! Don't miss this pistol full of powerful female fun. All limits respected. Write PO Box 693, Kentfield 94914 or call ★★7653.

Playful

46, Jewish, writer of theater, film and comedy, enjoys exploring the arts, intellectually-bent conversations and shopping at Target. Ultimately seek committed relationship with witty, fun-loving woman who is warmhearted, introspective, sane, sober and sexual. I am medium ht. and wt., financially stable, nonsmoker. Seeking same who is not allergic to cats or me. Call ★★7654.

Only want a buddy(s)

me: ex-new yorker, ex-beatnik, ex-painter (into writing now), been around the block, been away from sf seven yrs. all my friends have died, left town, vanished, need to find new mates, to have fun, at the beach, watch old flicks, go to santa cruz, great conversation, or just be silly. I ain't no glamor girl but I ain't no dog either. no heavy scenes, pleez. I know the world sucks but I love getting up in the morn. tel. no. would be nice; hey, picture would be icing on the cake. Reply BT Box JY3B or call ★★7655.

I'm Telling You Stories—Trust Me

Smart, witty professional. Reads Jean Rhys, Jeanette Winterson, Raymond Carver. Seeks tortured, lesbian intellectual for casual dating, dinners, movies, walks. No instant relationships, no smokers, no drugs. Must have job, car and a place to live. Send stats, reading list, photocopy of library card. Reply BT Box JY4B or call ★★7657.

Closeted Friends

Are you closeted, lonely for gay friends, between 45-55, non-activist, professional, financially secure, non-drug user and willing to answer this? Do you like sports, flea markets, soft music, animals, kids, summer and yourself? Play golf? If you fit above or are interested in someone who does, I'm closest to East Bay but have car, will travel. If you're interested in exploring friendship, please write. Reply BT Box JY5B or call ★★7658.

Jewish Women, Women Of Color, Ethnic Women

I want to meet you. I'm Jewish, 40s, warm, sensitive, sensual, sometimes intense, stable yet a little wild, emotional, creative and spiritual. I love to talk, laugh, dance, touch and want a heart and soul connection, a long-term monogamous relationship that we can grow with, relax into, develop over time and continue to explore the many layers of each other. Nonsmokers only, over 35. Call ★★7659.

Marriage-Minded, Family-Type, Androgynous Lesbian

Title describes both of us. I'm white, 27, reddish hair, blue eyes, 5'2", 130. I work, have a 3-year-old child. I'm serious, easygoing, understanding. I like music, outdoors, movies, video games, activities with child. Woman of my dreams will have good looks, be down-to-earth, monogamous, like children, have a good job, want a long-term living together relationship. Call ★★7660.

Two Down-To-Earth Friends

We have been friends for 15 years. Our parents have been married for a total of 97 years. We would each like to have a relationship that would last at least a quarter of that time. I am a 41-year-old Jewish ex-New Yorker. I own a beautiful Marin home and will be adopting a newborn. My friend is 37, a Bay Area native who loves outdoor activities and is home-oriented as well. We would like to meet attractive, intelligent and good-humored women like us, for friendship and hopefully more. Reply BT Box JY6B or call ★★7661.

The Mind Is Exciting

If you're creative, intellectual, integrated. A passionate mind in passionate body even better. My interests: post-Christian feminism, Adrienne Rich, Michelle Cliff, James Wright, Andre Schwarz-Bart, Earl Klugh, Nina Simone. I'm 50, NS, ND, tall, a little heavy, poet beginning to get published. Came out 15 years ago, lived both coasts, Hawaii. Androgynous; not into control, no interest in addictive personalities. Seek kindred lesbian spirit, any age, any race, any economic level. Reply BT Box JY7B or call ★★7662.

Masturbation... Tried That, Hated It!

Believe it or not, being sexual is not my priority. Just wanted to get your attention. Most important to have an intellectual attraction as well. But, be warned—if we click. We may never see the light of day! My fantasy gets juicier if you are a non-smoking, androgyne, who appreciates womyn of color. Call ★★7663.

Passionate, Demanding Femme

Is sensitive, spiritual, strong, sensual, intense—I desire to share myself with someone who will touch the core of me. I'm also honest, giving, educated, funny, in touch with myself, and sometimes difficult. You're honest, intelligent, attractive, any type, physical. Note: If you should become my lover you will find me (22, beautiful, with long thick dark brown hair and some serious curves) to be virtually insatiable. Call ★★7664.

Flame

I am a candle in need of a flame. Quiet, intense, soft and touchable lesbian seeks an assertive fiery spirit for dating and... I am white, early 30s, educated and stable. You might be a woman of color but not a femme. You have integrity. And you show your fiery spirit in all parts of your life. NS, ND. Call ★★7665.

Move Beyond Judgment

Spiritual, articulate, intelligent, creative lover, 31, searches to satisfy a healthy sex drive. I'm HIV-, no STD history and not embarrassed celebrating my luscious self with a NS who engages life with integrity. There is more to existence than meaningless, boring, needy encounters. Dare to ask me to please your body and mind. Imagine being with someone who never gets tired, never says no and pays attention. Call ★★7666.

Endearingly Annoying

Spunky, hyper-intelligent, bi-queer AF, early-20s, seeks impish, sassy, attitude-y women with whom to invent new Jell-o flavors and cause widespread panic. Call ★★7667.

Looking For The Girl Next Door

Be feminine, 28-35, fit, available, good-humored, confident and appreciate the simple things in life. This GWF, mid-30s, 5'8", 135, brn/hzl, athletic-looking w/a feminine flair believes in 50/50 sharing and lovers being friends. I enjoy lazy Saturdays, Sunday brunches, the theater, old blk/white movies, reading together in bed and a lot of laughter. No smoking/no drugs. Blondes and collegiate-looking a plus. Call ★★7668.

Candy Tree

You've been looking for love in all the wrong places. You know, nobody's going to love you as well as I can. End this desire I have for you. If you absolutely refuse to give up and give in. Call the number below and tell me, "I don't want you." Or there is hope. Call ★★7669.

Looking For

Friends as well as lovers or whatever the spark between us we find. I live in the city and would like to meet you if you're into hangin' out with someone new. Or maybe you're looking for someone new to sleep with. I'm open to being sexual as well as being a good friend, truly me an Aquarian. I enjoy a lot of city adventures, like flicks, clubs, cafes, motorcycling (be great if you had a bike). I'm very energetic, fun, happy, with a warped sense of humor. Plus I'm very attractive, cute, short and sweet, just the kind of woman you'd like to meet. If anything I've mentioned sounds interesting, well, call me. I'd love to hear form you. Call ★★7670.

Recent Transplant From NYC

Growing new roots in SF. I'm a 35-year-old, attractive, smart, professional, with red hair, gray eyes and look a bit butch. I enjoy travel, science fiction and facts, dining out, movies, nature and gambling. You are 25-35. We both have a good sense of humor and adventure, are affectionate, NS/ND, and feline free. Call ★★7671.

Wouldn't You Like

To meet an attractive, intelligent, fun, financially secure single lesbian. Yeah, well pick up the phone and call—here I am. I enjoy the heat of the summertime, romance, doing the nasty and women. You are a single lesbian and interested. Let's meet. Call ★★7672.

Yin Seeking Yang

Tall, attractive, medium-to-large build, active, emotionally/financially stable, broad-minded, Jewish, 30, femme dyke with limited neurosis and healthy habits (whew, I love reducing myself to a social stereotype!), seeking available, energetic, exclusively lesbian companion for movies, theater, dining, dancing, fairs, weekend travel, outdoor fun/exercise, adventure and love. Early risers, NPR fans, garlic lovers and wine enthusiasts especially encouraged. Please, no smokers/substance abusers. Call ★★7673.

More Family

After playing all afternoon with a friend's baby, child turns to parent and says, "Maybe you could find a lover with a kid I could play with." Well, why not? We're into living healthy, cooking over an open fire, storytelling festivals, country living, consciousness, kindness, psychological sophistication, androgyny, cuddling, rough-garaging. Mom (47) seeks lover; child (6) seeks sibling, or at least another playful family member. Call ★★7674.

Space Available...

In my bed and in my heart. This GWF has a great sense of humor, is 5'2", 40ish, normal-looking, loves dogs (allergic to cats), enjoys tennis and has come 3,000 miles searching for that special someone. If you're thoughtful, considerate, honest, laugh easily, love selectively and are adventurous, go for it and give me a call. I'm looking forward to meeting you. Please be a "415." Call ★★7675.

Beautiful Blushing Baby Butch Dyke

Yes, sweetie, I mean you. Happy 9 months! I've enjoyed them all. Let's keep cooking—OK? I love you. —The Big Strong Girlfriend.

Philosopher In Search Of Women Artists

Not that I have abandoned my search for truths but that I must honor my needs for sculpting fantasies. Attractive lesbian looking for 30something, androgynous women mature enough to respect differences and boundaries. Wanting to share friendly quality time outdoors. My pool or yours, etc., etc. Reply BT Box JY8B or call ★★7676.

What I Want

Is passion, intimacy, companionship, and mutual support from a woman who know and welcomes

the joys/challenges of a committed relationship. I'm open, generous and sensual in relationship and greatly value intelligence, self-awareness, compassion, honesty, and a keen sense of humor. An ex-New Yorker with some East Coast sensibilities, I'm Jewish, femme, 40s, NS, professional, blond, full-figured, attractive, complex, warm, sexually adventurous and fun. I'm excited by the social and cultural activities of SF as well as by the beauty of nature, and want to share it all with an articulate, energetic, sexually assertive woman. Call ★★7677.

Kinda Iconoclastic, Virtually Monastic

Nearly hermetically sealed hermit seeks to escape her shrink-wrap... I'd like to meet an intelligent, goal-oriented woman with a sense of humor. By goal-oriented I mean someone who has a purpose in life—even if that purpose is to simply figure out what her purpose is... I'm 39, a self-employed writer who spends a lot of time working in the computer field. Interests include hiking, reading non-fiction, bicycling, playing tennis, movies, art museums, writing, photography. I don't drink, smoke or take drugs. Although I'm a lesbian and a feminist, my friends run the gamut—straight, gay, old, young—I'm looking for an open heart and an open mind. If any of this short glimpse appeals to you, let's try our hand at conversation. Reply BT Box JY9B or call ★★7678.

Over 40

Seeking woman with joyful passion for living. Truthful, courageous spirit. Experiencing life's challenges as positive pathways to inner growth and peace. Friends and family are important to this woman. She is fun-loving, has a sense of humor, likes Chris, Tret and Meg's music. She might be interested in spiritual development including sharing lots of laughter and along with the bravery of tears in the search for family and soulmate. I am Leo fire, warmhearted, independent, eclectic interests from tarot to computers. Music leans to folk and feminist; voracious reader—all subjects. Pagan, romantic heart, enjoy and accept others because of their uniqueness and individuality. Exploring women's spirituality and earth-centered visions to uncover the depth of my life's experience. Learning my lessons in attitudes of shared joy, laughter, song, dance, friendship and sisterhood. Reply BT Box JY10B or call ★★7679.

Nice Jewish Doctor

Go ahead—make your mother happy. I am a 35 y.o. academic M.D. with a unique blend of interests including ice hockey (as a player, not a fan), opera, theater, football (as a player and a fan), skiing, gardening, biking, etc. Like me, you are an athletic, cultured, witty, honest, mature, friendly, stable, nonsmoking, non-substance abusing single 30something lesbian who values fun & friendship. Let's schmooze. Reply BT Box JY11B.

I Know You're "Special," Hopefully "Totally Normal" Too

If everyone's so warm, attractive, fun, active, etc., why do we need these ads to meet people? After the dancing, beach walks, candlelight dinners, what then? Let's get real! I'm all of the above and into those things, too, but lots more besides. Like to find well-educated, good-looking, energetic, down-to-earth, good-humored women in 30s-40s for friendship first. More specifics on my message. All calls returned. Call ★★7680.

365-Night Stand

Chemistry, charm and a wild streak... Looking for someone captivating, rowdy and brave to explore and grow with. I'm 27, quick-witted, androgynous-femme, into creating smiles, having fun, taking chances, etc. Not into fair weather lover or friend, but someone who is able to be somewhat consistent, adventurous and receptive to growth in a relationship. Love to talk further if this attracts you. Call ★★7681.

Skeptical Of Ads

But open to possibilities. Tall, thin, attractive, somewhat shy but strong, mildly eccentric painter, late 30s. Politically progressive but not necessary P.C.; like poetry and deep conversations, riding my bicycle with headphones on, walking the beach, hiking in the hills, fine dining and dancing, Louis Malle films and comedy. Interested in meeting someone who does not fit a stereotype. Reply BT Box JY12B or call ★★7682.

Sonoma County Sensation!!!

I'm a little bit country and a little bit city, and certainly pretty, yet too shy to be flirty. I'm somewhat closeted, so therefore I need a strong soft butch to bring out this 27-yr-old very feminine femme. I am very attracted to natural-minimal make-up on petite brunettes, and heavyset women are very welcome. Hoping also to meet tall women for friendship, 'cause I'm 6'2". Call ★★7683.

Beauty With Brains

Analytic thinker with curious mind, adventurous spirit and passionate heart. Seeking stimulating conversation, emotional depth and uninhibited sex. Looking to meet women of integrity, independence, clarity of mind and practiced awareness of self and others. I enjoy swimming at night, theater, country-western to opera, reading, dancing, films, dressing up for dinner or cooking on a camp stove. I am slender, very attractive, interested in finding other attractive, accomplished, professional women who can travel the realms of both mind and heart. Please be knowledgeable and accepting of your own limitations and compassionate about others, politically and psychologically aware, around 37-45 yrs. old, weight proportionate to height. Not interested in P.C. rhetoric, 12-step mentality or psychic/spiritual fuzz. Call ★★7684.

Smokers Encouraged

I'm a GWF, 37, perfect in every way, bored with my social life. I believe the solution may be to start contacting total strangers through newspaper advertising and meeting them for awkward conversation. Sound good to you? Please reply BT Box JY13B or call ★★7685.

"Adorable" Teacher

SF Gay Parade—you were carrying the banner for Teachers Assn. We made eye contact. I said you were adorable and you hollered, "Thank you" (graciously). I called out, "You're welcome." Then you were gone before I could ask if you are single or with someone. You left me captivated. Please call me—single or not—so I'll know. Reply BT Box JY4B or call ★★7686.

Pinko Queer Hippie Chick

You're slightly butch of center, sexually firm but patient. If you're like me (and you'd like me) you're probably fat-positive, Jewish-friendly, class-conscious, over 40, left-wing, anti-racist and consider "queer" a compliment. You've spent time examining your emotions, cry easily, laugh heartily, cuddle readily. Maybe you love the printed word and listen to the Dead sometimes when nobody is watching. Reply BT Box JY15B or call ★★7687.

What's Friendship Got To Do With It?

Everything, to this 20something woman. Seeking intelligent women who have time to share, spirituality in their lives and who choose to make life an adventure of impeccability and magic (Carlos Castaneda and Florinda Donner fans are a big plus). Dancers, laughers and celebrators of life are who I'm looking for, life is too short to settle for less. Call ★★7688.

Silly Sublime Scientist

Seeks sincere, smart sweetheart, or just a plain ol' friend would be nice. Let's do all the usual fun stuff. 30 y.o., long hair, green eyes. Make my neurons fire and I'll let you unwind my DNA! Call ★★7689.

A Good Catch

Very pretty femme with excellent sense of humor seeks lover girl. Ideally, an androgynous or butch woman in her 30s, who is slender to average size. A woman who has plenty of love, friends and/or family in her life, who wants a lover to supplement, not take the place of those things. Must have good education, income and breeding as well as a spiritual foundation for living. Clean & sober also a must (prefer 12-step). I know I sound picky, but honey I have a lot to offer the right woman! Call ★★7690.

Summer Fun

I hold the ice between my lips, letting it drip slowly onto your nipples. You squirm as the water rolls over your breasts, but you can't move, tied down with my new 'cuffs. You moan, saying it's cold, when I slide the cube over your clit and the water trickles down past your ass, but your pussy is burning hot, wet and swollen, ready to take my whole hand. Call ★★7691.

Non-Linear Thinker, Metaphysical Magician

Have spent the last year healing body and spirit. Now ready for a soulmate with whom to share the magic of life—but how about dinner and a movie first? Other October-born especially encouraged to reply, but all ages and colors welcome. Stats: GWF, 39, 5'5", 130 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, all my teeth are my own and my day is not complete if I haven't made someone laugh. My dream is to live as a creative talent, turning people on to their own inner power. NS, no drugs, light drinking fine and must be cat compatible. Reply BT Box JY16B or call ★★7692.

Help! Grad School Is

Ruining my social life! I'm 29 y.o., studying Greek/Latin (yes, I read Sappho!) and hoping to be employable someday. (Ha!) I'm into Olivia music, Star Trek TNG, Naiad books, long walks, traveling, and talking about anything other than my work. I'm not sure which I like more—romance or sex (it's a toss-up)—and I have a weakness for broad-shouldered athletic types (I'm not an athlete myself but I'm a willing student). I'm interested in friendship/dating/possible LTR. Reply BT Box JY17B or call ★★7693.

Fun And Romance Wanted

Cute, 40-year-old, 5'3" dyke, seeks someone with a sense of humor, intelligence and love for physical activities. I hope to meet a woman who, like me, enjoys and is committed to her professional work, but has time to spend with a lover. She should be working on knowing herself and expressing her desires. We can only check out the chemistry if you call. Call ★★7694.

I Wish...

I had someone to talk with, kiss and cuddle. This 24-yr-old is looking for that someone special. So if you're 18-30, love dancing till you drop, laughing and enjoying life in general, then call ★★7695.

Looking For Joy

We're both sensual and intellectual, passionate and playful, looking for that good loving friend—but we don't need to share all interests. Me: 49 y.o., Jewish, 5'4" on the outside, 6'5" on the inside. Love backpacking, ethnic music, the outdoors. Enjoy the arts; practice two: writing and martial. You: around my age, any race/ethnicity, healthy, comfortable with your own opinions and your lesbianism. No bisexuals or S/M. Call ★★7696.

Ooh La La

Your breasts your talcum powder your molecules, flasks, beakers on my bed all stirred combusted crystalized, catch the sediment, save in jar between my teeth thighs your thighs in the living room hard knees in the goal box your goalie hands on my indoor belly, your belly a long sleep metal hoop ringing I love you T. madly six more years this free will passion not law and order. Call ★★7697.

My Intended—JLR

You are my dream butch, my beloved, my one and only. I love you and I celebrate you and us! With love and adoration from your favorite feisty femme (even without hair!) KLE. P.S. K. loves LJ to pieces! XXOO. Call ★★7698.

Where Are You?

I can't seem to run into you no matter where I go, hence this ad. My current friends are great but I'm ready for some new ones. I'm a GWF, 5'9", fit, 35, androgynous, attractive, good sense of humor, honest, sensitive, playful, passionate, live in East Bay. I like bicycling, animals, outdoors, music, ocean, sun, travel, gardening, life in general. You are GWF, attractive, please be feminine, 30-40, mainstream, financially, emotionaly and physically secure, love life and most of the above. Absolutely no cats, smoking or drugs; light alcohol OK. Can never have enough friends, am hoping for romance if things click. I am shy, new to the personals, sometimes awkward when it comes to dating, but will try to be brave. Will you? Reply BT Box JY18B.

Let's Be Friends

This Caribbean French and Creole speaking butch 30 y.o., 5'5", stocky built lesbian would like to get to know you. (All are welcome to write.) Island lesbian a plus. Age, race no problem. We can take long walks and have good conversation. Call ★★7699.

Feed me to your world and I'll satisfy your appetite. Lady, 27, wants to charm and humor you. Nonsmoker. No drugs. Race unimportant. Inner beauty and sincerity a big plus. Sense of humor a must. Room for friendships, but only room for one special lady in my heart. Let's take it slow and make it last. Write: Boxholder, 142 N. Milpitas Blvd., #267, Milpitas 95035 or call ★★7700.

Care To Join Us...

... For threefold fun? We are two dykes seeking a third for sexual fun & games. Not interested in an emotional relationship, just playing. If the chemistry works, we can guarantee a great time. Call ★★7701.

"Pillar Of Mush Seeks Femme Of Steel"

We are none of us as we appear. You... on the outside—pretty, feminine, femme, stylish, "nylons with a seam," please. Inside—bright, sweet, easy to laugh, lots of oomph. Both sides—available, 30s-40s. And me: butch of center attitudinally; attractive, physically. Educated, inquiring. Call ★★7702.

Got To Be Real

Burned by love but not afraid to try again. I'm 27, cute, short, cuddly, romantic and sincere. Seeking monogamy with dyke, 23-30, without drama or games. Not athletic or fit, smoke and drink OK. Weakness for Asian, Filipina and Latina dykes w/ short hair. No men or extreme femmes or butches; lesbian only. SF preferred. Call ★★7703.

To My Tiger

You and li'l guy bring so much joy to me. I love you and adore you. May our love keep growing and our family stay healthy. Love, your cuddly pea.

Looking For A New Love

Single GBF, 35, 5'4", 130 lbs., attractive, very affectionate. Love to enjoy life, laugh, communicate, read, dance, all types of music, children OK, making love. Seeking attractive GAF/GHF/GBF or GWF for fun and excitement. Weight in proportion to height, 24-35, femme. Call ★★7704.

All I Want

Is artful conversation while making out. No... No, that's not all I want. I want... Oh, I want spiritual hedonism. I want... (ah, the ecstasy/agony of being a Gemini.) Help me. Please me. (NS, 30+ please.) Call ★★7705.

No Urge To Merge

41-yr-old, educated, intelligent, humorous, well-traveled woman seeks others with similar qualities. Not looking for clone but someone with shared interests. I enjoy movies, walks, gardening, camping, quiet evenings. I have no "urge to merge." More interested in friendship than romance, but if it happens that's great too. Prefer secure 40+, independent, self-assured, and more butch than I. Got you guessing? Call ★★7706.

Like Me

You are finally ready for someone special. You have dealt with your family of origin and past lover issues. You are emotionally honest and available; you are over 40, feminine, tall (over 5'9") and are happy with your life thus far. You like: San Francisco, Golden Gate Park, Pauline's pizza pie, ferry boat rides, Italian cooking, the country, cats and cuddling. Music, reading, TV, going to the movies and working in the garden are our shared pastimes. Please send letter so we can begin sharing the fun, the music, the night and anything else we can imagine. Reply BT Box JY19B or call ★★7707.

Last Ditch Attempt

To resolve my childhood traumas before committing a fortune to therapy. Are you my father? Can you make me crazy like only my mother knows how? Let that self-destructive homing instinct pick me out across a crowded room. Dive into my oozing primordial swamp of intimacy issues. Safe sex only; latex-covered projections. Bonus points for mixed messages and murky boundaries. My emotional bags are packed and ready to land on your doorstep. Reply BT Box JY20B or call ★★7708.

Special Order

If you are femme to earthy, between 21-30 yrs. old, weigh 130-160 lbs., height 5'2"-5'6", are single, lesbian, read on. This Scorpio womyn w/ dreads, 5'8", 180-200 lbs., thick built w/beer belly loves womyn, children, working w/hands, music, writing, reading, drinking, celebrating life, love. I can be serious, silly, affectionate, honest,

Dykes To Watch Out For

the fairies' midwife
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BABE, LISTEN. I REALLY CAN'T GET AWAY THIS AFTERNOON. DO YOU MIND GOING TO SEE THE MIDWIFE WITHOUT ME, JUST THIS ONCE?
EPA
WELL OF COURSE I MIND, CLARICE! BUT IF YOU CAN'T COME, YOU CAN'T COME. I JUST WISH YOU'D GET YOUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT!
1001 LOOPHOLES
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LATER, AT THE BIRTH CENTER...
TONI, WHEN YOU'RE DONE WEIGHING YOURSELF AND TESTING YOUR URINE, MIRIAM'S READY TO SEE YOU.
SEATTLE MIDWIFERY SCHOOL 1978-80
VISA
ACTING BIRTHS
PULL YOUR OWN CHAIN
TONI! COME ON IN, HON. YOU LOOK RADIANT! WHERE'S CLARICE?
BUSTAGUT TRIATHLON
OH, MIRIAM. SHE'S TOTALLY WRAPPED UP IN THIS NEW JOB! LAST NIGHT SHE MISSED OUR PRENATAL CLASS. I FEEL LIKE SHE'S BACKING OUT ON ME.
HAVE YOU TALKED TO HER ABOUT IT?
YES, BUT SHE SAYS THERE'S NOTHING SHE CAN DO. IT'S A DEMANDING JOB AND SHE JUST NEEDS TO PUT IN A LOT OF TIME RIGHT NOW.
HM. SOUNDS A BIT LIKE MY EX-HUSBAND WHEN I WAS PREGNANT WITH ALEX. YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND GET ON THE TABLE.
WHAT DID YOU DO ABOUT IT?
LEFT HIM AND MOVED INTO A LESBIAN COMMUNE.
MIRIAM! I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE HER! BESIDES, I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE LESBIAN COMMUNES ANYMORE.
MUDDYBUTT MOUNTAIN BIKE FESTIVAL
OH, DON'T WORRY, DARLIN'. I THINK CLARICE IS THERE FOR YOU. MAYBE SHE'S JUST UNSURE OF HER ROLE. SOMETIMES IT'S HARD FOR THE NONBIOLOGICAL MOM TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE SHE FITS IN.
WE'VE GOT A LOVELY HEARTBEAT HERE. HAS THERE BEEN MUCH MOVEMENT GOING ON?
YES, A LOT! LAST NIGHT IN BED, I WAS HOLDING CLARICE, AND SHE FELT THE BABY KICK HER IN THE BUTT!
IRONBUNS MARATHON
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No swinging chandeliers—no fists. Friendship, shared interests (i.e., blues, theater, leftist spin, humor). Me: 38, dark-eyed beauty, zoftig (not obese), sensual, affectionate, great listener, kisser and growth-seeker, non-new ager, but seeks change in self and society. Has had men in past, no HIV, not into ghetto existence. Usually funny, outgoing—lately quieter, slower. You: patient, smart, compelling, kind—sexy? Call ★★7710.

I'm Looking For You

You are a woman who knows what she wants and is willing to take the risk to get it. You are emotionally available, not afraid of intimacy and desire a monogamous relationship. You know yourself well enough to communicate your thoughts and feelings. You crave affection, are consumed with passion, cute cuddly, non-butch, sensitive, nonsmoker (or drugs) and in your 20s-30s. I love music, romance, candlelight dinners, and most of all I love sending flowers and cards. I enjoy working out, dancing, coffee shops and reading the Sunday papers in bed. I am tall, slender, short hair, androgynous. If you too are searching for all of the above, please respond. This East Bay woman is looking for you. Call ★★7711.

Attention SF Dykes

Soft butch seeks sex-positive dykes that love to laugh and understand that kissing is a hobby. Are you: a great hugger; capable of spontaneity; who's able to cook dinner—as well as ordering out? This 31 y.o. auburn/blue nature lover is seeking someone to share time & experiences with. I've got the chocolate if you have the time. Call ★★7712.

Sometimes I

... Sleep all day, play all night, overindulge in alcohol, play hooky from work, laugh till it hurts. Most of the time I work 7 days, have no social life, few friends, am a loner. Passions are womyn, children, writing, reading. I would love to meet a compassionate femme womyn who is very sexual, honest, opinionated and sincere. Me: wild, crazy womyn with dreadlocks, big & beautiful. Call ★★7713.

Looking For A Few Good Women...

To expand my circle of friends. I bring many qualities to a relationship: a balanced life, emotional maturity, a good sense of humor and the ability to communicate. I'm easily entertained and I believe in living to enjoy life. I appreciate a woman who is articulate, direct and honest. I'm active but not too busy to build a relationship of intimacy based on friendship. Call ★★7714.

Writer's

Group. Another one? Well, hold on there little filly. If you/friend need support in starting, continuing, finishing a project, remove blocks, tackle difficult plots, inspiration, focus. Let's be accountable for weekly assignments to progress further. Meet at my great space in Walnut Creek and/or the City. Weekly? Bi-monthly? Call ★★7715. Support for results!

You Are Spicy

Confidence, assertion, intelligence, independence with a flair for style, smiles and your inner child. Wise-ass tendencies coupled with tenderness, communication, ethnics, open heart, ears for listening. Spirituality frees you as your positive nonjudgmental outlook frees others. You desire love as equal partners; dating doesn't scare you nor does hot, raw passion and fairy tales still come true in your world. Between 26-46. I'm everything above and encourage mothers and pear-shaped women. Call ★★7716.

Laughing A Lot

Looking for exceptional woman, preferably 27-35, unequivocally honest, smart, courageous though not fearless, emotional, physical, passionate about life, political, personal; a well-versed friend, able to love and be loved kindly and fiercely, no matter what; who lives creatively and enjoys exploring human beings, nature, solutions to world problems, and laughing. Laughing a lot. Shall we challenge and inspire each other? No chemical vices. Letter preferred. PO Box 1591, Oakland 94604 or call ★★7717.

Coyote Gal

Still can't two-step, but I love a girl in cowboy boots. Dark-eyed, rangy, 25-year-old looking for long motorcycle rides, slinky slow dances, biscuits and gravy. Hope you've got good hands, an artistic inclination, and a wicked imagination. Are you butch enough to spread your legs? Sweet talk me with a twang, and I'll waltz you right off your high horse into the sunset. Call ★★7718.

I Wrote My Number With Bright Red Lipstick

For you at Skirts on Gay Pride Sunday. I thought your hair (more salt than pepper) was very sexy. You wore all white and told me you were from Oakland. You had many admirers. I was the short brunette in black who kept asking you to dance. I've been having sweaty dreams about you, Ms. D. Call me. Call ★★7719.

Where Are You?

Here I am - looking for a smart, affectionate, warm, gentle, lover of life, who loves to laugh, is self-aware, petite, NS. How about a date to a cabaret, movie, swimming, nature walk? This passionate, fun-loving, stable, attractive GWF over 45 also enjoys dancing, romance, sex, theater, talk, music & values integrity, communication, softness, friends & growth. Why not give a call? Call ★★7720.

Love Me Until Labor Day

San Francisco femme, 33, seeks woman my age or older for sexy summer romance. No smoking or drugs. I especially enjoy women who can be sexually assertive without looking like a guy. Not into politics or piercings. Just dating, fun and no pressure summer. Discreet, funny, plain Janes encouraged. Call ★★7721.

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SHARED INTEREST

Please Note

The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such as for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Prospective Queer Parents

Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★7761.

Vipassana, Anyone?

Students of S.N. Goenka sought for socializing, study/discussion, group sittings. Call ★★7762.

East Bay magazine and video collector seeking other collectors to trade and/or borrow videos and magazines. Call ★★7763.

Workout Partner Wanted

Attractive, mid-30s, Italian, good shape, recently joined World Gym in Burlingame, looking for workout partner. Minimum 4 times per week. Workout time flexible. Must be committed. Call ★★7764.

Luce Irigaray Reading Group

Looking for men and women interested in reading *Speculum of the Other Woman* and *This Sex Which Is Not One* (in English translation), as well as related texts by Jacques Lacan, Freud, Judith Butler, etc. The point is not to have a snooty clique, but an interesting group of people making their way through very difficult and very provocative philosophical terrain. Leave your name and number at ★★7765.

Oproep aan Nederlandssprekende mensen. Ik zou graag vrienden of vriendinnen maken met wie ik het Nederlands kan beoefenen. Omdat het zelden gebeurt dat ie gewoon op straat iemand ontmoet die Nederlands spreekt, moet ik op deze manier zulke mensen zoeken. Heb je er ook trek in om een gropie gelykgezinde mensen te vormen? Bel dan ins even! Call ★★7766.

Dreamers/Dream Workers

GWM interested in continuing his search into the creative power of dreams. As Jeremy Taylor would say: "All dreams have more than one meaning and more than one level of significance." That is why it is so important to regularly share your dreams with a group of loyal friends. Group meets 2nd & 4th Fridays. Dreamers, PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★7767.

GBM Seeks New Friends

I'm 31, 5'7", 150 lbs., nice-looking, masculine, friendly and very honest. Some of my interests: travel, camping, hiking, the beach, movies, video, concerts, clubs, techno and lasting friendships. You are any age, race or sex, of similar personality and enjoy doing at least a few of the things listed here. Also, this ad is strictly for friends. No sex involved. Box 28641, Oakland 94604 or call ★★7768.

Single Lesbians Considering Parenthood

Is your biological clock ticking, but are you still single? Are you considering parenting without a partner? Single lesbian wishes to connect with other single lesbians who are considering parenthood. Let's get together, talk, perhaps form support group. Reply BT Box JY600B or call ★★7769.

Pregnant?

BiWF, 29, expecting my first child and amazed at the changes in my life, seeking other pregnant women (and their partners) who want to talk about the sensual, intellectual, political and mundane dimensions of pregnancy and the transition to parenthood. I'm in my sixth month, my child will be of mixed racial background (my partner is a BiAM); I hate pastels and humor is my balm. Call ★★7770.

We Wrestle!

If you missed my 6/26/93 wrestling party, you missed 3+ hours of swapping sweat with a dozen hot, hunky, muscular grapplers in down 'n dirty, no-holds-barred rough-house battles! Wanna wrestle at the next party? Or privately one-on-one? GWM, 5'8", 150#, strong, experienced, muscular, hairy—plus some of SF's toughest men—want to get you on the mats! No wimps, fakes, voyeurs—we wrestle! Call ★★7771.

Exchange Massage

CMT wishes to exchange with sincere slim to med. built GM. You need not be certified, only sincere and experienced in nurturing the spirit as well as the body. This is not a sex ad. As a massage therapist for the critically ill I am in need of a deep, caring touch to help me keep centered. Massage, PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★7772.

Non-Immigrant Aliens

In love with a U.S. citizen? Or just the U.S.? Suffering from INSphobia? I certainly am. I'd like to connect with others who are grappling with immigration issues, to share information and provide support. Call ★★7773.

Musicians/Vocalists

I'm looking for other musicians and vocalists to play dance music with. Popular dance, funky beats, house, hip hop, salsa, funk, soul—all these styles I love and am influenced by. I just keep thinking about playing this stuff with a live band and how much fun it would be. If you feel the same and are a musician, singer, rapper, programmer, etc. Just for fun—no money involved. Call ★★7774.

Women Runners And Walkers

Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in-between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays. Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★7775.

Fore!

Actually I'm playing better than my title would suggest. In fact I broke 100 twice last month. So I'm feeling hot! And want to play golf a lot. I would be interested in meeting SF women to play on courses anywhere in the Bay Area. Playing as a twosome would be fine, having a foursome would be great! Call ★★7776.

Sail Away!

Would like to meet SF women who are interested in sailing on the Bay. Being a good sport and having a positive attitude are more important than previous experience or ability. I have a fun, 24 ft. sailboat and would like to have some good times on the Bay after work in the evening or on the weekend. Call ★★7777.

Over 40 Lesbian Social Club?

Let's get together for talk, support, empowerment, friendship, activities (and possibly dating contacts?). Prefer East Bay but sites could alternate. Are you an old feminist from the Women's Movement? Do your memories go over the heads of your younger friends? Crones unite! We need each other. Maybe next year we can march in the parade together? Call ★★7778.

Novice Tennis Partner

GM, 30s, seeks tennis partner for playing on any SF court weekday evenings or weekends or East Bay on weekends. Practice, fun are the goals. Call ★★7779.

Cross-Country Companion

32-year-old woman looking for a woman to drive cross-country from SF to East Coast (Wash. DC area) around August 1. Share driving, expenses, etc. I have a car. Please call for more information. Call ★★7780.

HIV + Friends

Looking to meet HIV + men over 40 to share information. I have been positive for two years and know few who are the same. Would like to make new friends and build a support system. Call ★★7781.

Wrestling Club

Forming a friendly, non-competitive group of men interested in exploring the sensual, playful and, yes, sexual aspects of wrestling. Bored with power trips? Looking for fun? Let's check out our diverse wrestling fantasies... playful rough-housing, farmboy rasslin', professional TV-style, domination/submission, clothing optional, (your fantasy here). Inexperienced guys encouraged. Also need an equipped meeting place. Interested? Write to 584 Castro St., #504, SF 94114.

Duplicate Bridge

I have been playing duplicate bridge for slightly over one year and have amassed over 50 MPs to date. I'd like to break through the 100 MP barrier by the end of this year. If you are a Duplicate Bridge player who is looking for a dedicated rapidly improving partner and can play one or two evenings a week at local clubs (within 1 hour of Marin) and want to play at the many weekend tournaments that are within 1 hour of SF, please call me. Let's play together and see what develops. Call ★★7782.

Writer's

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Granite, Anyone?

Looking for a rock climbing partner, experienced or beginner. If you like the outdoors, pushing your limits, managing fear (or if you just like nice forearms) this could be the sport for you. I'm 33, male, and capable of interesting conversation on the way to the crags. Despite the address, I live in the City. T., PO Box 641893, San Jose 95164 or call ★★7729.

Women—Get Sweaty!

Breathe hard and roll around on the floor together! Sound like your idea of fun? Join the wrestling team and go to Gay Games. For info call ★★7730.

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BISEXUAL

Emotionally secure, sensible SF couple, M/F, seek 1st experience with M/F couple, 40+. Would like visual and physical stimulation and much foreplay but no final exchange of partners. Nonsmokers and couples only need respond. Call ★★7731.

Multiperson Relationship

Sensitive, caring, sexual, communicative, intelligent, definitely bisexual male seeks couple or like-minded individuals who want to explore the possibility of a committed, connected, honest, long-term multiperson relationship. Want M/F in touch with feelings and able to talk about them. I'm 39, HIV-, Marinite, who enjoys being in nature, hiking, biking, dancing, talking, being physical, pushing limits. Not interested in casual or purely physical relationships. Let's explore the possibilities. Call ★★7732.

Straight Male With Fantasy

SWM, 48, 5'10", moustache, masculine, seeking two or more older cut males, HIV-, to humiliate me by taking photos of me on my knees as you use my mouth to get hard, then stop, jack-off and shoot your hot load on my face, maybe wash it off with golden shower. Invite lesbian friend to watch as further humiliation. Open to suggestions. Call ★★7733.

Happily married bisexual male seeks same. Please be in a working and committed relationship/marriage and be looking for friendship and support. I'm a 30something, fairly evolved, fairly attractive, successful entrepreneur who has spent a great deal of time embracing his bisexuality. I have full support from my wife who is committed to making our marriage work and encourag- es my self-actualization. I'm anxious to meet other bisexual married men in similar scenarios. Your brief note gets mine. Reply BT Box JY300B or call ★★7734.

How Do You Feel?

About having two people love you? Longtime lesbian, involved for two years with an attractive, sensitive Afr.-Am. male, seeks to add female energy to our family. Our interests include spiritual/martial arts practices, diving, travel, learning Spanish, being in nature, motorcycling, making love. Are you a grounded, energetic, health-conscious woman who is into exploring alternative lifestyles? Please call ★★7735.

Just For Fun

I'm womanly soft, athletically firm (and sometimes unusually hard), and just for fun, seeking a big, strong bisexual man with a hairy body. I've plenty of love and intellectual stimulation in my woman-centered life, but would like to add some exuberant male energy. Since mutual attraction cannot be divined from the written word, we can only meet and find out if, just for fun, you call ★★7736.

Virgin Fag Slut Seeks Dyke

Cute GWM, 25. I've done everything at least once, but only with other fags. I'm hoping to explore queer hetero sex with an affectionate, patient, and equally curious woman. Young, tattooed and shaved dykes drive me nuts, but where do I start? Help! If you're curious but nervous like me, let's see if we can jump over "Gay" and "Lesbian" boundaries straight (!?) into bed. Call ★★7737.

MTF/TS Top

Seeks experienced, heavy bottoms to teach me the limits of my ability to inflict pain. Prefer masochists to submissives; prefer women to men—though FTM gay leatherboys get me hot in a really perverse way. Pain tolerance and self-awareness are important—your looks, age, weight, HIV-status, race, class are not. Call ★★7738.

Fantasies Fulfilled

BiWM, 30s, 5'8", 150, br/bl, good-looking, professional, very muscular, 44"c, 29"w, HIV-, seeks youngish-looking couples who are very attractive, physically fit, playful, who want to explore their creative side in a 3-way with a creative guy who loves to watch and be watched. Let's discuss and play out our fantasies. Call ★★7739.

Seeking Sensuous Soulmate

SWM bisexual, 34, HIV-, 5'8", hairy chest, world traveler, basically a top, very sensuous and passionate. I'm a humorous, ex-refugee from New York, into biking, hiking, travel. Not into scene, dungeonmasters or queeny flakes. Looking for a straight-acting male under 35 who is awake. Superficial, uninteresting drones need not apply. Shy emotional types and/or boy-next-door sort are encouraged. Call ★★7740.

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TRANS

Novice Cross-Dresser

Hot intuitive BiWM, 40s, 5'10", 195#, enjoys playing in lingerie, seeks playmates for gender-role fantasy play. I'm pierced, tattooed & interested in bondage-S/M, as a top or bottom. I'm healthy, open, discreet, positive outlook, kinky yet sane, educated & fun to be with. And desire friends—either/or/both/and—women, men, couples, TV, TS, or any combination thereof... Write: PO Box 1834, Fremont 94538 or call ★★7751.

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TS Enchantress
Elegant, pre-op TS, 39, moving to San Francisco and tired of going it alone. I'm tan, trim, intelligent, cultured, vivacious, sensual, a nudist, artist, writer, photographer with a penchant for romance, the erotic and fine living. Seeking caring, mature, cultured WM who can appreciate, enjoy and love such a special woman, help her finish her transition and make her life complete as she would lovingly do for him. Call ★★7752.

Betty Page Type
Black-haired, blue-eyed, pretty pre-op TS SW femme, 46, 5'10", corseted, 36B-25-38, D/S, switch, seeks lovingly dominant SWM, San Francisco area or Bay Area, possible LTR, TLC always. Call ★★7753.

Cross-Dresser Seeks Women
Male, early 40s, would like to meet a woman who would like to reverse roles occasionally and would not be turned off by me sometimes being "Paula." Could be permanent relationship for right person. My best asset is I'm a nice caring person. Age and looks not important as being a nice person. Call ★★7754.

Absolutely Sincere
Pre-op, 27, 5'11", 40-32-41, recently blonde, now redhead. Seeking WM, 30ish, 6'+ for possible long-term relationship. My physical disability may keep me off the dance floor but will not stop me from having fun. No losers, please. Call ★★7755.

Straight But Curious
Physically fit, health-conscious, good-looking, straight but curious WM, brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, interested in meeting a sexy, sensual transsexual. PO Box 591372, SF 94159 or call ★★7756.

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MESSAGES

Bay Bridge Tolltaker
You are masculine and have brn/blue, earring left ear, about 5'11", 190 lbs., 35-40, So. accent. Our eyes met, you gave me thumbs up in the rearview mirror. Beautiful smile & sparkling baby blues. Me: 40 y.o., s/p hair, sexy dark eyes, 5'11", 185 lbs. We're not gym gods, but in decent shape. Golf, roller blade, sports, C/W, soft rock, movies, coffee, versatile sex, demand honesty, admire flexibility & loyalty & savor true love. Gimme the "chem" and we'll make "istry." Hey, Mr. Hot Stuff, take the risk. No active boozers or druggies. Sense of humor a must! Call ★★7784.

El Picador
Of Spanish extraction? Interested in inviting Oscar Wilde, Mozart, Gandhi and Groucho for dinner and mud wrestling? If so, please call. I'd love to talk to you. Call ★★7785.

Been To Washington State Lately?
"C" M. (Class 104). I'm back—call me at the school. —True Redhead. Call ★★7786.

East Bay H.—Roxie/Castro
Saw you at the Film Festival. I'm glad you missed your 20-year high school reunion. Like talking to you—sorry I didn't get your number. S. is just a friend. Would like to talk over a milkshake. Call K.! Call ★★7787.

C. From Santa Cruz Mtns
You called my ad Monday night, 7/5, but did not leave a phone number (duh!). You are 32, blond with tan from Manhattan, artiste, writer. I am the city boy—gimme shelter. Call back, dude, and this time leave a phone #! I'm not getting any younger! Call ★★7788.

P., Math Teacher
In Berkeley. Me: Asian in sport jacket. We met at the Phoenix on June 14. We talked, but what happened? Then I saw you again last July 4. Would have talked with you, but you were with someone. If still interested and available, I'd like to know you more. Hope you had fun in Denver! Call ★★7789.

R&D Lab Womyn
You have reddish strawberry-blonde hair & work with a lot of urine. I am a temp who is normally outgoing, but finds herself tongue-tied around you. I'm not interested in having an intense relationship. My lover lives in D.C. Fun, coffee, dancing at the Horse, maybe a good friend or a romp in the hay. Call ★★7790.

Dyke March—Dark-Haired Beauty
We marched together too briefly, stopped a few times to watch, then separated. You left me speechless, breathless. Please don't leave me hopeless! Call ★★7791.

Too Much Pride!
Sweet Italian from Berkeley, I admired your tattoo and adored your ½-blue/½-green eye. I have your arm band, but not your number. Was it intentional? I'd like to talk about what happened. Tea? Write PO Box 1623, Aptos 95001.

T.
You responded to the ad I placed in the crossed paths section in the *SF Bay Times* a couple of months ago. (You are the tall, muscular Asian man I saw near the Montgomery/Market versateller machine & followed until 5th & Howard St.) I called you & left a message, but I never heard from you again. I still keep thinking of you. Want to try again? Call ★★7792.

Hello Again, K.
We met Friday, 6/25, 2 pm, N-Judah, standing Carl/Cole to Davies Medical. You wore #56 cap, red long-sleeve polo shirt, glasses, black bag on wheels, expired transfer, and asked about my "Wayward Bus" book. I wore shorts, T-shirt, sunglasses, red hair, and found you again on Church Street—thanks to fate and faulty brakes. We both were late (you to meet friends downtown, me to movies). Our meeting was brief, but I liked you instantly. Wish we could be friends. Please call. Sincerely, C. (Haight). Call ★★7793.

"Adorable" Teacher
SF Gay Parade—you were carrying the banner for Teachers Assn.—we made eye contact. I said you were adorable and you hollered, "Thank you" (graciously). I called out, "You're welcome." Then you were gone before I could ask if you are single or with someone. You left me captivated. Please call me—single or not—so I'll know. Reply BT Box JY700B or call ★★7794.

On Gay Pride Day...
We met on the line for falafels after the parade. You: an attractive WM, 5'11"-6', slender build with salt & pepper hair, approximately mid-30s. You wore a two-piece, peach-colored suit with hints of pale green stitch work and a pale green silk shirt partially open to reveal a gold chain along with a second strand of greenish-white beads. You wore it well and looked quite distinguished. You mentioned that the beads were "from your college days." You had a very fun and easygoing manner about you. As I got my food, I was hoping to continue our conversation and took a few steps back to wait for you, but a friend approached me. You turned, slightly surprised to see me, and with a smile said, "Hi." I guess you felt awkward upon noticing my friend and I, realizing the potential awkwardness of the situation, didn't react fast enough for introductions. You politely smiled and walked away. I was intrigued and quite interested in getting to know you better, therefore I forward this message with the hopes that you (1) see this message; (2) recognize that it's you I'm writing to; and (3) feel comfortable enough to call. Call ★★7746.

I Wrote My Number With Bright Red Lipstick
For you at Skirts on Gay Pride Sunday. I thought your hair (more salt than pepper) was very sexy. You wore all white and told me you were from Oakland. You had many admirers. I was the short brunette in black who kept asking you to dance. I've been having sweaty dreams about you, Ms. D. Call me. Call ★★7747.

An Island Is No Man
I received your letter on 6/22/93 in response to my above-titled ad in May 20 issue. Your phone number is not being completed due to wrong area code or an incorrect digit in the number. Please write or call again. I'd like to respond to your wildflower note paper with description including your hazel orbs. Reply BT Box JY701B or call ★★7748.

T.: Project Inform Meeting 6/30/93
I sat next to you; you spoke to me in the hall. Was I a jerk? Sorry! I hope we can meet again, talk about something other than AIDS—at least at first. H., 41 Sutter, #1215, SF 94104.

Orbit Cafe
5th of July, 8:30 am. Me: with two friends, wearing white T-shirt with dark sleeves, short dark hair, big blue eyes. You: green plaid (?) shirt, dark jeans, dark blond hair, nice smile as you got up to leave. I was sorry I didn't say hi. I'm intelligent, honest, interesting, sexy, fit, and I'd like to meet you. Call ★★7749.

At Gay Day Celebration
I was leaning against a tree, listening to the music, wearing a hat, glasses and a sweatshirt. You were walking by, wearing a rainbow flag around your waist and no shirt. We exchanged smiles, twice; then you walked on. I'd like to meet you. Please write PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★7750.

Tahoe
blowing on the fire with a long metal pole / your eyes a limitless horizon / remember me, think of me, want me / I am what you search for / I am the moment lost, found and to be / timing off but not written in stone / a lot happening but need not be exclusive / take a chance. love you.

MEN

Long Weekend J/O Sessions
I'm a straight-acting GWM, 39, 6'1", 200 lbs., balding and who's HIV-. I'm seeking another straight-acting GWM, 21 to 45, weight proportional to height or so, and who's HIV-. I want to have long weekend J/O sessions on a regular basis at your place. So, if you're seriously interested, and live from San Jose to San Francisco, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064.

Go For The Gold!
Very good-looking, successful, relationship-oriented, HIV- man into spiritual and personal growth, looking for someone similar, 32-44, to share the charmed life. Have dream home, wonderful friends and family—now want the rest: someone to love, cherish, travel the world and make dreams come true. Prefer Atherton to Carmel. If similar and have the time and interest to develop a magical relationship, please write with photo (will return). Reply BT Box JY70B or call ★★7795.

Seeking Mature Asian Lover
GWM, 55, looks 45, attractive, professional, warm and caring, with various interests, enjoys a quiet lifestyle, is seeking a gay Asian male, 40 to 55, who wants a loving, long-term relationship to share life's joys and divide life's burdens. I am a nice person with a good heart, and I truly love Asian people. I have lots to offer if you are: slim, HIV- affectionate/romantic and want to love and be loved. Reply BT Box JY71B.

Surprisingly 44 Seeks LTR
I'm 5'11", medium build, handsome, cleanshaven, brn/brn, HIV-, with bright sense of humor. Like CW dancing, art rock, theater, classic cars, weekend adventures, camping, movies & the gym. Seeking 25-45-year-old top, NS, HIV- Race not important, should be trim, affectionate & romantic. Call ★★7796.

Young GAM Wanted
GWM, young 50s, professional, hairy body, HIV-, desires young GAM, 20-35, HIV-, for friendship/fun/relationship. Prefer mid-Peninsula or South Bay. ND. Light smoker/drinker OK. Write G., PO Box 60821, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★7797.

Good-Looking Straight Type GWM
39, 6'1", 200, brown hair/green eyes. Not into gay life. Fun-loving, warm & sincere. Exception to what you have met. Ready to meet similar good-looking straight type without an attitude and beautiful inside. Must be emotionally mature, romantic and very nice. Friend or lover. Call ★★7798.

Attention: Small Endowed Men
Those with a small penis and/or those who like them small. Indicate if you have a small one or admire small ones for proper application. SASE required. Serious only need apply. Box 1397, El Cerrito 94530.

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IT'S MORAL INDIGNATION TIME...
LIKE EVERYONE ELSE
My lover and I are both young professionals living in the suburbs with our two King Charles spaniels, our Lexus and our Saab convertible. For all our neighbors, family and friends know, we're just two straight people of the same sex, owning a home, sharing a couple of pets and planting a fabulous flower garden together. That's because unlike most readers of this "newspaper", we don't wear sadomasochistic outfits, indulge in campy or stereotypical behavior or alienate the straight world by being "Activists"... unlike "Queers", we're Just like everyone else.
(Name withheld by request)
LETTERS
LUCY, DO YOU MIND?! I'M TRYING TO READ THIS
SAY, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS'VE GOT NOTHING MUCH TO DO....
WORK
EXERCISE
VOLUNTEERING
LAUNDRY
STILL AVOIDING
HEY, WHICH WAY'D HE GO?
HE WAS HERE A SECOND AGO.
SAY, AIN'T THAT RUPAUL?
..WHY NOT EXPEND LOTS O'TIME AND ENERGY COMPOSING YOURSELVES A REPLY...
HOW 'BOUT THIS:
"SWEETHEART, IT'S NOT CAMPINESS OR (GASP) ACTIVISM THAT HETERO FOLKS DON'T RESPECT, IT'S GAYS & LESBIANS WHO DON'T RESPECT THEMSELVES"
"AS SO SUCCINCTLY ILLUSTRATED BY THE REFUSAL TO SIGN ONE'S OWN "LETTER TO THE EDITOR."
"...RATHER THAN DEMANDING THAT WE ALL JOIN YOU IN THE DARK PLACE IN WHICH YOU'VE IMPRISONED YOURSELF, WHY NOT JOIN US OUT HERE, THEN WE CAN DISCUSS ANY GRIPES THAT Y'ALL HAVE..."
"UNTIL THEN, USE THE CEDAR CHIPS, ...THEY SMELL NICER!"
FEEL BETTER? WAIT 'TILL NEXT WEEK;
"YEAR OF THE QUEER" KVETCH, KVETCH, KVETCH.
LETTERS:
CLINTON PROMISED ME THE AIDS CZAR-SHIP.
-MICHELANGELO S.
LEA DELARIA MADE AN OFF-COLOR REMARK ON TELEVISION AND MY MOTHER MAY HAVE BEEN WATCHING.
-(NAME WITHHELD)

In Real Life

In real life people say one thing and then they do another. In real life they will break the tender heart of an innocent lover now and then, no big surprise, it happens all the time in real life. So maybe I'm living in a fantasy world but I still believe that somewhere out there lives a man who has been looking for me as long as I have been looking for him. I am an attractive, versatile, Hispanic man, 5'6", 130 lbs. I am asymptomatic HIV+, physically, emotionally and financially stable, 36 years young. My friends all ask me how I have managed to stay single for so long? Well, I've had very many offers and I've kissed a lot of frogs hoping they'd become my Prince Charming. Finally I realized that I am my own Prince Charming. I neither need nor want anyone to sweep me off my feet and carry me off to their castle in the sky. I have my own castle and kingdom now and am looking for someone to share that with. My prince is African American, between 25-45 y.o., masculine yet versatile, strong, stable and independent, but willing and able to establish and maintain a loving, caring and committed relationship. Come share my life, my love, my body and soul. Reply BT Box JY72B or call ★★7799.

Multi-Ethnic Friends Wanted

GBM, 40 y.o., 5'11", muscular, 192#, work out daily, nonsmoker, youthful and athletic, airline professional, visits Thailand and Malaysia on a regular basis, would like to meet honest, foreign-born guys, 18-35, with similar interests, will respond to all. PO Box 880608, SF 94188 or call ★★7800.

Farmer

Seeks macho manstud for country weekend. I'm horny and hungry. You: masculine, taller, longer hair (no crewcuts). Beards OK; bisexual OK, smoke OK. I'm masculine, 40s, 6', 200, longer brown hair, moustache; oral. Farm crops, not animals. Come up overnight—eat, watch XXX videos, kick back and... Private place, sunning here, swimming near. 90 miles to SF. Write only: S., PO Box 778, Cloverdale 95425.

What's Chemistry?

The answer is hopefully you and me! To find out if the mixture is right, how does this sound? First, we talk on the phone, then we meet for a drink and then possibly we have a real first date... etc. I've learned that sometimes the mixture isn't what it may seem at first glance, so check out my contents: handsome, humorous, intelligent, professional, 35, 5'10", 150 lbs., brown hair & eyes, well-trimmed beard, HIV-, nonsmoker, culturally Jewish. I'm passionate about my life, have many interests and friends with whom I like to dine, see films, enjoy music or theater, hike, bicycle, country western dance, ski, relax at home and share ideas and feelings. Perhaps you share several of these qualities and interests but have some of your own you can add to the mixture. Ultimately, I'd like the blend of contents to result in a relationship, but if friendship flows instead, that's great! Call ★★7802.

Grown Man

Seeks another. We're both 42-50, in-shape, educated, professional. I'm 6'3", 190#, gray/blk, HIV+, handsome, sexually versatile, addicted to books, opinionated banter, good food, occasional work-outs. We both enjoy the arts, travel, buildings, gardening, entertaining. We are bored by unimaginative boy/daddy, S/M, B/D and all dualistic relationships. We're each into some form of spiritual practice (I'm Christian with Buddhist leanings) and can get to know each other patiently, deeply, over a long time... NS, ND. Call ★★7801.

You're Under 25 And Spiritually Aware

I offer a total lifestyle: home, plus a ranch in the mountains, travel, comfort, security and wonderful sex. I am 39, New Age, vegetarian, act and look straight, nonsmoker (not tobacco), 6', 165 lbs., blond, HIV-, financially independent, good-looking and I have a great sense of humor. You don't smoke tobacco, you're optimistic, bright, holistic, HIV-, trim and good-looking. I'm interested in a LTR with a sensitive younger brother who likes fun and adventure. Call ★★7803.

Positive GWM Seeks Positive GAM

I'm tired of playing games! I believe in saying what I want. I'm looking for an Asian man to share my life with. A life partner. I am 37 y.o., 6'2", 190 lbs., hairy chest, attractive, loving, sensitive & healthy HIV+. I love to lay on the couch and watch an old movie with someone snuggled in my arms. I love to cuddle, kiss, lick, suck and make love with an Asian man. I'm sexually versatile, but prefer being bottom. I don't fuck... I make love. Tall men are a+. Let's meet and see what happens. Call ★★7804.

Bay Bridge Tolltaker

You are masculine and have brn/blue, earring left ear, about 5'11", 190 lbs., 35-40. So. accent. Our eyes met, you gave me thumbs up in the rear-view mirror. Beautiful smile & sparkling baby blues. Me: 40 y.o., s/p hair, sexy dark eyes, 5'11", 185 lbs. We're not gym gods but in decent shape. Golf, roller blade, sports, C/W, soft rock, movies, coffee, versatile sex, demand honesty, admire flexibility & loyalty & savor true love. Gimme the "chem" and we'll make "istry." Hey, Mr. Hot Stuff, take the risk. No active boozers or druggies. Sense of humor a must! Call ★★7805.

Little Guy—Big Cock?

You fit the saying that big surprises come in small packages; love showing off your big meat and enjoy the attention when guys admire that big dick on your little body. WM, late 40s, wants to worship your cock. Asians and Blacks a plus. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★7806.

Asian Looking For Lifemate

Good-looking GAM, mid-40s, 5'7", slim, HIV-, caring, affectionate, easygoing, with a good heart, is interested in meeting a GWM, 50+, for possible long-term relationship. No smoking. Light drinking OK. Together we enjoy music, movies, traveling, cooking, quiet times... Reply with photo if possible (will be returned). Boxholder, 537 Jones St., #2234, SF 94102.

Exceptional Man

Good-looking WM, 37, 5'10", trim, clean-cut, sometimes quiet type, occasionally wild, fun, interesting, articulate, diverse interests, with a lot to offer the right man, weight-trained body, great rear, mostly bottom (but not much into Greek), open to kink and fantasy scenes. Seeking a similar, handsome, laidback, open-minded, masculine man who looks sharp in a suit and hot in a leather jacket, for friendship, good times and more. Call ★★7807.

Assume The Position...

Over my knee for quick, fun slaps with my hand or ? until your beefy buns glow. Wear tight jeans or sexy shorts & this good-looking (no kidding!), in-shape, 27 y.o. GWM will administer well-deserved punishment. I'm nicely endowed, more top than bottom, have great hands. You are under 30, cute, in great shape, preferably with big brown eyes. Reply BT Box JY73B or call ★★7808.

Racquetball/Workout Partner Wanted

Yeah, I know this is a wordy and G-rated ad among all these abbreviated descriptions. So if my measurements are your focus then you should scan down to another ad. My desire is to meet someone who is able to compete with me on the racquetball court and inspire me in my workouts (or at least make me sweat and breathe hard—and that doesn't have to be limited to the gym). Companionship outside the gym could be in the form of tennis, rollerblading, flea markets and thrift shops, cards and games with friends or just walking through the Bay Area and sharing conversation interspersed with an occasional painful pun. He could educate me in his areas of interest and, I would hope, appreciate my dedication to safer sex. If you are still reading this ad and would like to reply, then please write to E. at PO Box 190152, SF 94119-0152 or call ★★7809.

I want to connect

with a man who: frames his life with integrity; can cry freely; wasn't overindulged growing up; works to his full potential and earns his own way; is proud of his religious and ethnic heritage; doesn't identify himself through bodybuilding; respects boundaries and behaves based on consideration and not passion; doesn't have sex with friends and knows why not; has experienced healthy love; doesn't need lots of friends for his identity; doesn't need 12-steps but doesn't hide from therapy; has the grace to conclude relationships with class and respect. If you get it, write me with photo. Reply BT Box JY74B.

Let's Create Magic Together

I want a real man to walk the path of life together. Someone willing to talk about our innermost feelings, the meaning of life, who can laugh at a silly joke and be mature enough to support one another on our personal as well as spiritual growth. I am a sexy, intelligent, world-traveled, literate and economically independent professional who meditates and practices yoga. Have been described as a handsome man with Mediterranean looks, age 44, 5'11", 180 lbs., who is versatile/top and very passionate under the sheets. Born and raised in a Latin country, I bring all the fun, color, flavor, music and romance of a Latin lover to my relationship. I want my soulmate to be handsome, romantic and spiritually aware. He is 35-45, weight proportionate, masculine, not pierced (ear OK) and sexually versatile/bottom. I want us to grow together and to create magic together. Please send letter with photo (returnable) and tell me what you want out of a relationship. Reply BT Box JY75B or call ★★7810.

Hairy GWMs

That's the main physical attribute I look for. Aside from that I have a wide range of tastes. I don't care what's on your head as long as what's in it appreciates a quick, dry wit, culture, intelligence, monogamy, fun and a great sense of humor. I'm a GWM, 25, 5'9", 190#, a bit bearish, very laidback, masculine and hairy with a trim beard and crewcut (but without the clone mentality). I'm addicted to music (anything non-mainstream) and fanatical about films (non-Hollywood). I'm a non-militant vegetarian who abhors the gym but prefers hiking and biking for exercise. I don't smoke tobacco and rarely drink and ask that you do the same. So, if you're a great kisser, my age to 30something and share any or none of the above (hey, opposites do attract!) then give me a call. Call ★★7811.

Mess Up My Hair

Cultivate a friendship with this unconventional, earthy 35 y.o. 6', 155#, perky, cleanshaven, handsome Italian looks. Black hair, brown eyes, 5 o'clock shadow, hairy chest, defined swimmer's body, HIV-. I enjoy Macintosh graphics, hiking, dancing, Tai Chi, massage, touch, and eating bagels. You are: cute/handsome, HIV-, heartfelt, easygoing, nonpretentious, healthy, caring. Partial to: smooth, unbearded, lean or firm, 20-35, nonsmoking. Share: grace, contagious laughter, spacious mind, tender kiss. Photo please. Reply BT Box JY76B or call ★★7812.

Asian & Queer

Very handsome Asian male seeking his other half for a lifetime devoted to the unspeakable love. Athletic build, professional, 20s, 5'7", 142, analytical, inquisitive, curious in nature with many contrasts. Understated & multicultural. Values integrity, humor, personal evolution and strength of character. Enjoys stimulating conversations, politics, cultures, people in general, karaoke, the outdoors, volleyball, working out, cheap dates, movies, theaters, gay events, thrift shops, cafes, psychology and sharing part of your world. A lot to be thankful for... now seeking others like myself. You: GWM, under 35, in good shape, HIV-, attractive & honest. Come with me, we have a lot to talk about. We have so many memories yet to build on. Call ★★7813.

Positive Fun!

Tall, handsome, lean, tight muscular GWM, 38, looking for other handsome, well-built, HIV+ guys for fun, lust and romance. Must be passionate (about life and loving) and enjoy all kinds of fun, from cozy evenings at home to dinner/movies/theater to weekends exploring the country. Must be a good kisser, too! We could start with a ride in the country. Call ★★7814.

Looking For Us?

On BART or in the Financial District, in a suit or doctor's garb? We get up too early to do the bars, so we end up without a date for Saturday. That's a shame. Good-looking, late 30s white guy, HIV-, needs a masculine professional gay man. One who enjoys a drink on the deck before dinner (my view is great!). Someone who might have more frequent flier miles saved than dollars. You like exercise, but don't need a hardbody boy to turn you on. You like your job and your family knows you are gay. You read a lot and like straight people too, especially cute kids. You've got to be out there. We could make them drool at the company Christmas party... now I'm fantasizing. Too bad: It shouldn't be this difficult. Interested? No risk. Your letter and photo gets mine or gets returned. Reply BT Box JY77B.

Best British Import

British GWM, age 45 (5'11", 150), attractive personality, with comments of good looks, seeks a sincere friendship leading to relationship with another GM with the same ambitions. I am open to cultural diversity, age and color of my partner. Your interests may include: art, design, music, theater, good food and community service. I have my own design and marketing business which, although small, has an established reputation helping the gay community. I don't like voice mail so please leave a message and I will return your call. Call ★★7815.

Slim Asian Or Angel?

Caring WM, youthful 43 years, 6'2", 174 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, healthy, seeks warmhearted slim to skinny Asian, WM, or other, 18-32, for boyfriend or lover. I'm nonsmoking, affectionate, good listener. Plus if you have some interest in exercise, are foreign-born, somewhat shy and don't like bars. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Leather Master

Seeks semi-experienced slave who's seen enough to know his fulfillment is to be found in service to one master. Master seeks permanent, loyal, committed slave who appreciates earning his master's smile and care. Master: 41, experienced with complete training facilities—bondage, wax, collar, paddle, shared life, electricity, caring. Slave: competent, fit, positive attitude wanting to give to find inner-peace and freedom, able to commit. Honest and genuine. PO Box 420927, SF 94142 or call ★★7816.

Sex, Drugs, Rock 'N Roll? Masturbation, Coffee, Industrial Dirge

Blond WM, 33, tall and lanky, black clothing-oriented with sense of humor to match. Interests: music (Neubauten, Coil), warped reality, movies. Not really interested in straight or gay kulture, would rather make my own. Seeking a guy of similar age and outlook if he exists. If things work out, possible sleepover and groping. Call ★★7817.

Berkeley Or SF Younger Bro Wanted

By caring WM, young for 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, HIV-, blue eyes, cleanshaven, prefer slim or skinny, nonsmoker, somewhat boyish-looking guy, 18-35, any race (Asians welcome; others too). I work in counseling, like movies, meditation, massage, swimming, hugging, occasional mild spanking (optional). Seek friend, possible lover. Plus if exercise some, don't like bars, not much body hair, spiritual. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Friends, Lover...

Responsible, reliable, honest—all-around fun kid, WM, 39, 6', 245#, HIV-, NS, seeking like-minded, fun-loving guys for adventures of the spirit, flesh and perhaps more. PO Box 269, Mill Valley 94942 or call ★★7818.

Love And Ropes

An S/M relationship, anyone? Gentle, adventurous, stern muscleboy looking for loyal, fun-loving, aggressive muscleboy, under 30, for a loving relationship with hot, rough, safe sex. Into respect, honesty, pleasure, nature, challenge, intimacy, laughter, friendship, spirituality, art, trust, domination, submission. Beginners welcome. Let's see where our passions take us... Call ★★7819.

How Light Is The Light

When the birds sing forth my heart's beat on night's edge and I awaken to the warmth of your embrace. I will then know how light is the light. 6', 165 lbs., 41 y.o., reddish beard, blue eyes, bald, handsome, trim, moderately hairy, friendly, funny, masculine, artist, poet, writer, hiker, camper, etc. You are masculine, maybe hairy, maybe bald. We have no use for drugs, poppers, S/M, cologne. We enjoy hugging, kissing, pleasure of safe sex, the simple act of holding hands. Call ★★7820.

How About A Summer Romance?

Handsome, versatile GWM, 24, HIV+, 6'2", slim, bl/bl, wanting to meet new people. I'm into the arts, going to movies, SRO at the ballet and opera, politics, people watching, and romantic evenings. Seeking someone, preferably around my age, to share these things with and to try out new experiences together. Am open to anything from a great new friendship to a new romance. Call ★★7821.

I'm 42 Yrs. Old, 175 Pounds, Mexican

Seeking a man—are you there? Do you want a permanent relationship? I am in Santa Rosa; looking for a good man, 25 to 50. I am kind and healthy, masculine, w/moustache. I love to kiss. I need caring, honest companionship. I am in good shape & love camping, swimming, fishing. Send letter to JN, PO Box 1244, Windsor, CA 95492 or call ★★7822. Te gusta aser el amor en lagua vien ven aga tarosa llo te llevale al rio i alli puedes gosarme como te guste me gusta vesar mamar me gusta todo.

Handsome, Without An Attitude

Handsome, masculine professional, 41 y.o., 6 ft., 175 lbs., brn hair, blue eyes, moustache and HIV-, seeks monogamous relationship with a stable, reliable, fun, sincere and intelligent man who is HIV-, diversified (outdoors, music, cooking, movies, CW dance, etc.), 35-45. Please write BT Box JY78B, with a photo.

If You Like To Watch, Be Watched

Maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o. short guy, 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice dick. You are any age, healthy, hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★7823.

Imagine Two Guys

Both great on their own, but unstoppable together. Separate paths with demanding jobs, and specific things they want to learn. But they're partners no matter what. And it's fun because it's right. They talk through feelings and listen hard. They like it when the other laughs. They love to touch. They live to kiss. And they keep their bodies in shape for each other to enjoy. They're strong, masculine, smart, introspective, mischievous, hand-holding friends who support each other's ambitions and creative streaks. They're both very handsome and used to turning heads, but don't mind the attention when they're together. Fortunately both are HIV-; neither smokes, or drinks much. One of these guys (or I should say, this guy) is 32, tall and well-built (6'2", 198); cleanshaven with light brown hair and blue eyes. The other guy comes with his own set of descriptors that this guy looks forward to hearing about. Please write, and send a photo if you like. Reply BT Box JY79B.

Do You Wear Your Heart On Your Sleeve?

So do I. I'm 30, professional, 6'6", good-looking, bl/br, slender, gym fit, HIV-. I'm looking for emotionally available, slender guy who's ready for commitment. I'm monogamous, try really hard to be nonjudgmental, into jazz, running, my job, talking about my/your feelings, listening and growing with life's lessons. NS, a little pot OK. Call me. Call ★★7824.

Black, Healthy & Horny & Hung

If your wish is to have fun & maybe even get serious with an exceptional Black guy who absolutely craves "old men," you should check me out. Nothing phony here! Reply BT Box JY80B or call ★★7825.

Gentle Heart...

And generous spirit looking for magic. This 37 y.o. GWM physician, 5'8", 145 lbs., seeks soulmate, 25-37 y.o. We're warm, playful, emotionally available, intelligent, interested in personal growth, looking for a mutually supportive relationship. Our interests range from passion to cooking; laughing to loving. Let's make the future today! Reply BT Box JY81B or call ★★7826.

Relationship

Hi, I'm 29 y.o. doctor-dentist, brown hair, green eyes, height 180 cm., weight 85 kg., living place Lithuania. Would like to meet guy for friendship who is handsome, likes travels, has sense of humor, and would like to exchange visits. PO Box 477, 3002, Kaunas, Lithuania.

Meaningful Relationship Desired

GWM, 48, 5'7" tall, 180 lbs., HIV-, nonsmoker, mod. drinker (wine), average looks and build seeks similar GWM, 48 to 60. You must be HIV-, nonsmoker, secure, settled and live in San Francisco. We would share a quiet home life as well as the arts, good food and friends. Let's explore in the bedroom, safe sex only. If you're sincere, please write. Reply BT Box JY82B.

Brown Hankie—Right

Seeks left. I am young and cute. You be 18-27, cleanshaven, tall, muscular and kinda mean. Straight boys especially welcome. Call ★★7828.

Teddy Bear Dad Seeks Bottom Son

This GWM, attractive, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., is looking for nice buns to play with. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings you never knew you had, then on your knees for a long, safe ride. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, with a slim build and a hungry butt. Call ★★7829.

Slim Chinese Or Viet. Wanted

Warmhearted GWM, youthful 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, counselor, seeks slim to skinny Asian, 20-33, for brother, boyfriend or lover. Prefer warmhearted nonsmoker, who exercises some and doesn't like bars. I'm affectionate and caring. Let me buy you lunch. Friendship first. PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Atlanta Pen Friend Anyone?

GWM, down-to-earth, straight-acting/sounding, nonsmoker, non-alcoholic, not a "partier." Avoids stereotypical lifestyle. Not into wearing banners, flags, tinkles or radical "queer" movements. I'm just myself. Interests include sci fi (Star Trek), comedy, editorial writing, general conversation. Seeking pen pal type friendship(s) from those seriously interrested in one. PO Box 191102, Atlanta, GA 31119-1102. Get out that pen! Or call ★★7830.

Looking For Gay White Man With Hairy Chest

If you are 35-45 years old, clean-cut, honest, gentle, never use drugs and light alcohol. Me: GWM, 43, 180, 5'8", lt brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, clean-cut, non-drinker, never use drugs, honest and affectionate, enjoy cooking, watching TV & movies, relaxing on quiet evenings with someone, eating out with friends sometimes. If interested, please write me: Boxholder, PO Box 641142, SF 94164-1142 or call ★★7831.

Saving All My Love For...

You. I am a GAM, 5'8", 141#, 29 y.o., HIV-, NS, ND, strikingly handsome, with good sense of humor, hot hard body, and best quality of boyfriend materials. Seeks a naturally 100% masculine GWM, HIV-, under 40, tall, handsome, romantic, humorous and in great shape. If you look forward to sharing your life with one significant other as much as I do, let's start with letter and photo exchange. PO Box 59-0953, SF 94159-0953 or call ★★7832. All responses answered.

I love sex but prefer being loved. How about settling down? Black male, 47, 5'9", 165, thinning hair, dark skin, nice-looking, disease-free, a nonsmoker, drug-free. Bad points: Scorpio, loyal, affectionate, passive bottom seeking a healthy Greek active top where monogamy is the rule. I am a one-man guy. I enjoy kissing, touching, sleeping nude with you. Photo please. PO Box 28283, Oakland 94604. Any color considered. Gays only! Call ★★7833.

Weekdays Free?

I'm free weekdays this summer and I'm looking for someone to play with while the sun shines. I'm 32, single, slim, intelligent, literate, lefty, faerie, warm, witty, sexy and Jewish. Let's see good art, hike, talk, hot tub, sit in cafes, beach, explore the City and the country and have fun together while others work. Open to sex and/or romance if it seems right. Call ★★7834.

HIV+

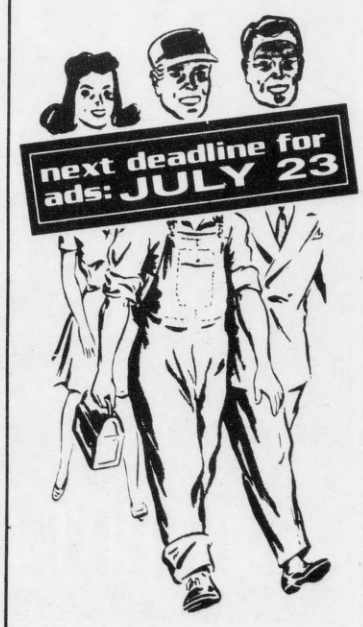
WM, 46, smooth, 6', 165, seeks buddy, who, like myself, is employed, in good health, has multiple interests, is sexually versatile (anally-oriented), appreciates touch, cuddling and shared intimate thoughts, and who desires not to spend so much time alone. Regrettably my libido responds only to hirsute, balder-the-better men who are uncologned and perhaps a bit Folsom-oriented. Let's talk—being always single is not so hot! Call ★★7835.

Spanking Deserved

Sincere WM, young 43, 6'2", 171 lbs., trim, blue eyes. HIV-, nice smooth buns, seeks warmhearted, caring but very strict stepdad (priest or fratmaster) to administer the long and thorough hand spanking and strapping I deserve. Plus if fit, thin or strong, not into bar or S/M scene, somewhat spiritual. Any age OK; any race OK. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

Uncategorized

Love versatile sex, good company and supportive friends. Looking for a few good men or just one exceptional man to share all or just one of the above. Handsome, blue-eyed blond, 40, 6'3", 230 lbs., trim beard, well-hung, uncut, HIV-. Interested in massage, spirituality, tennis, meditation, healthy food, yoga, healing music and nature; uninterested in drugs, drinking, smoking, leather, piercing, opera, country & western or status. Warmly welcomes responses. Call ★★7836.



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BAY AREA

SANTA CRUZ, LOOKING FOR LITTLE BROTHER. GM seeking18-25, Asian or White, slim, small build for fun times. I'm attrac, masc. dark, curly haired, 165# tp man. Call soon. ☎2257

SF, LOOKING FOR A GOOD TOUGH FIGHT. Looking for other tough guys who like to wrestle and box. GM 5'8", 150#, brown hair, crew cut, real hairy, have own boxing gear and gym. ☎2440

OAKLAND, WEEKEND FUN. GM gdlkg, looking for someone for weekend activities. Kinda laid back, not into bar scenes. Seeking someone into camping, movies, who's financially secure. ☎2526

HAYWARD, HAVE CAR, WILL TRAVEL! GM 45, but look younger, 5'6", Brn/Blu, looking for dom. tp. I'm very open to many things. Have car, travel no problem. Call and we can plan to meet. ☎2663

SF, WHO KNOWS WHAT WE'LL THINK OF...: 27 yr old latin guy, into bars, techno-music, seeks other masc. guys for fun. ☎5420

SAN MATEO, BOUND FOR GLORY: 33, 180lbs, blue eyes, into knotty times. Discretion assured. ☎3153

SF, SHY & BI-? GIVE ME A TRY: Bi-WHITE, 35 tp, into meeting shy, (you'll dig me.) ☎3267

SF, SHY GUY, QUIET, NOT IN BAR SCENE: looking for masc. discreet men for more than friends. ☎3268

HAVE A WRESTLER/BASEBALL PLAYER BUILD. GWM 33, Dk Blond/blue, trim beard, moust., short stocky build, work out a bit, hairy. Enjoy music, theatre, literature, outdoor & indoor activities. Leave a message if interested. ☎1196

BERKELEY, MORAL SUPPORT FOR THE INEXPERIENCED. GWM 6'2", 185#, gdlkg male, very interested in someone able to take time with someone inexperienced, take it slow & teach me a few things. ☎1731

OAKLAND, I'M KNOWN AS THE MIDNIGHT RAMBLER! Looking for guys who are open to strictly visual & verbal types of intimacy late evenings while partying. ☎2173

WHY NOT FOUR? We're a Gay White Couple, one late 30's, the other early 40's, looking for other couples in that age range or younger for good times. Pref. non-smokers, in bay area. ☎2888

NO COMMITMENT REQUIRED. GWM 34, 5'11", Br/Grn, moust. ave. build, attrac. easy-going, looking to meet guys 18-26 especially Latins, and Whites too for disc. good times. Just seeking good people for good times. ☎1513

SF, HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN? GWM 25, 5'9", 155#, dark blonde/Hzl, goatee, looking for a dark skinned man. Leave a message. ☎4996

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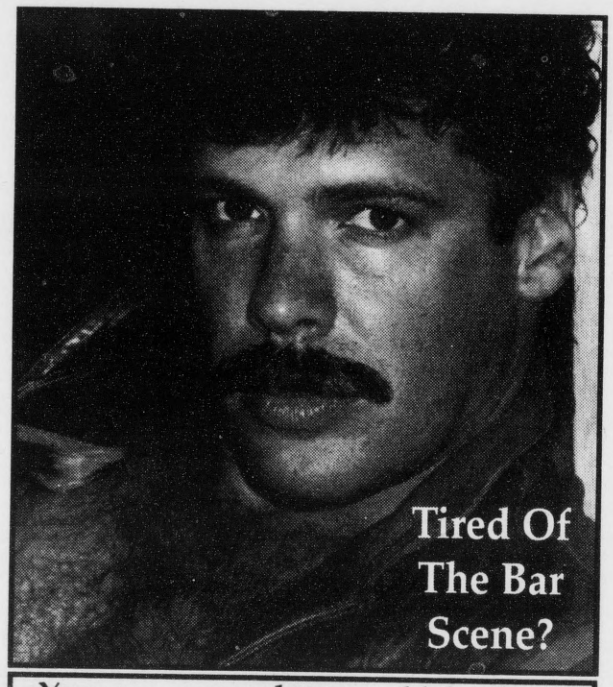

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SAN LEANDRO, OPEN TO ANYTHING! GWM 21, 5'10", 175#, Br/Bl, looking for anyone 20-35 in Bay area. ☎5047

SF, MENTAL SPARING PARTNER WANTED. Gdlkg. intel. honest Filipino 24, 5'8", 165#, seeks attrac. sincere, bright Asian male 21-35 for genuine friend, pos. relationship. Like dancing, weight-lifting, volleyball, & intel. conversation. ☎2352

SF, SEEKING OTHER MUSCLE-BOUND BLACKS. GBM 32, very good physical shape, looking for other BM's into B/B, have nice muscular body. Basically tp seeking btm. If you fit the description, call me. Chow! ☎2381

SAN FRANCISCO KEEP ME OUT AS LATE AS THE COWS! Gay Asian male 19, 5'9", just like to meet any guys out there interested in going out! Any time you're ready! ☎2488

REDWOOD CITY, UP FOR A DOUBLE PLAY? GM 24, Amer., my roommate is about the same. We're looking for guys in the area to get together. Come one, come all. Bring a game of twister. ☎2589

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SF A SPECIAL PERSON: Hairy 5'9, 150lbs, 43, black & passionate, enjoy travel and fun nights out, ☎3643

SF NOT YET OUT: New to scene, any race ok, 25-35 seeking smooth guys in same situation. I'm clean shaven, goodlooking and professional. ☎3769

SF Telcom engineer, 5'11, fit, non-smoking, sensual guy with good sense of humor, movies, travel and trying to learn french. Prefer clean shaven under 45. ☎3532

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Relationship!

Attractive, professional, HIV+, very healthy & high energy, comfortable, assertive GWM available to share an already fulfilling life. The passions of my life (thus far) are: my home as a sanctuary, a deeply satisfying career, loving and supportive friends and family, working out at the gym, experiencing comfort in both gregarious as well as alone situations, hiking, bargain hunting, flea markets, horseback riding, theater, travel, plants, quiet evenings at home enjoying thoughtfully prepared meals in a romantic and delightful atmosphere, and appreciating the sense of spirituality and joy of being a very positive HIV+ person who continues to deeply enjoy life. Physically, I'm 5'7" tall, 155 lbs., sparkling blue eyes, curly brown hair, moustache, dimples, and frequently smile as I realize that my 50 years on this planet have blessed me with a most youthful appearance, joy, health and wonderment. If you also take good care of your health and body, are emotionally stable, consider yourself physically attractive, intellectually challenge yourself, are not HIV+ phobic, are able to give as well as receive, wanting yet not needing me, and are interested in exploring the possibilities of a wonderful man such as myself in your life, call ★★7838.

Straight Male With Fantasy

SWM, 48, 5'10", 190, moustache, masculine, seeking 2 or more older cut males, HIV-, to humiliate me by taking photos of me on my knees as you use my mouth to get hard, then stop, jack-off and shoot your hot load on my face; maybe wash it off with golden shower. Invite lesbian friend to watch as further humiliation. Open to suggestions. Call ★★7839.

Massage—Palo Alto Area

Good-looking, mature guy, 6'2", 180, negative, will give you a great massage, Swedish style. Will consider exchange. Trained by the Body Center. Call ★★7840.

Convince Me

What's hot, sticky, wet and will drain the life out of you? No, not that! It's Washington, D.C., weather in the summertime! (Ugh!) This strikingly handsome, 30-something man will be in San Francisco for two weeks. I am 5'10", 130, HIV-, olive-skinned with dark hair/eyes, cleanshaven, very lean muscular ectomorph. Wants to meet attractive, healthy, in-shape (athletic) men who have a zest for life, are nonsmoking, no drugs, light drinkers, to explore and cultivate friendships. I like honesty, eating out, cooking, foreign sports cars, antiques, architecture, piano bars, jazz, baroque, romantic evenings, culture, yachting, Bugs Bunny, B&W films, ballet, art, gym, carrot juice, horticulture, cruising, Jockey underwear, hard pecs, showers, massage, safe sex. (Kinky?) Arrival date is Aug. 7. Don't miss it! Letter, photo? (returned) to: PO Box 57435, Washington, DC 20036. Convince me to relocate! A bientot! Call ★★7841.

Searching For Friend/Mate

I am seeking a GM, 36-46, HIV-, husky build who takes care of himself, who is serious about exploring a LTR. No mind games or macho BS. I need a man who is affectionate, reliable, sincere, and emotionally available, who is not afraid of the ups and downs of relationship building and is comfortable holding hands and kissing in public. Safer sex, ND, NS, employed a must. In return, you will find me independent, loyal, sincere, and loving and willing to do my part in building a friendship/LTR. I am an attractive, bilingual, GLM, 42, 5'4", 175#, HIV-, dark brown eyes/hair (balding), moustache, hairy husky build, employed graduate student, Catholic but not fanatic, gentle but focused on building a career balanced with a monogamous LTR. I enjoy different types of music, movies, walks along the beach, in the woods and an occasional baseball game. If the above resonates with you, let's have dinner. Reply BT Box JY84B or call ★★7842.

Big Potato Seeks Side Of Rice

This almost-chubby GWM, 42, already has plenty of friends, but seeks a long-term romantic relationship with a bright, outgoing, sometimes outspoken Asian to share fun, movies, beach time, cozy dinners, home life. I'm interesting, accomplished, active, affectionate, HIV-, and looking to settle down. You are 30ish, nonsmoker, slender, socially versatile, an occasional couch potato who loves music, good food and outdoor activities. SF only. No bananas or poodles, please. Self-confidence, a sense of humor are more important than beauty. Marriage is a possibility. To learn more, call ★★7843.

2 Looking For 3rd

Want to make a threesome? We do. Both of us are professionals (UC grads), GWM, HIV- and very clean. One of us is 34, 5'11", 160#, with very little sexual experience (but eager as heck). One of us is 43, 5'7", 190# stocky and eager to go along. If you are in your 20s or 30s and HIV- and would like to join us, then let's get together. Reply BT Box JY85B or call ★★7844.

Not Looking For Sex

26-yr-old, HIV+, masculine, Latin male seeks men of color (esp. Latin) who don't care that I'm positive or who is also positive. Good friendships are what I seek. If it leads to relationship, that's fine. I'm 6', 185 lbs., blk hair, grn eyes. I don't care if your body is not like Stallone's. I don't care how big your dick is. I enjoy any outdoor activity regardless of weather. I'm an avid A's fan. I don't care for most indoor activities (TV, shopping, movies). It took a lot of balls for me to place this ad, so I'm hoping you'll have enough balls to respond. Call ★★7845.

Foreign Gay

You can try to find out where I come from. I'm seeking an Asian or white man, 25-35 y.o. for a relationship. I'm 30 y.o., 5'9", 155 lbs. I'm not handsome, but I think I have other things you will perhaps appreciate. If you'd like some travel, we can perhaps make some trips together. I like to eat good food. Call ★★7846.

No Bears Or Barbies

Me: tall, slender, handsome, hairy chested, 7" healthy HIV, 36 y.o., white trash with goatee who has a great sense of humor leaning toward the gross side at times, but not always, likes sensuousness, loves versatile sex, but is sensitive and has other needs. You: 30-45 y.o., masculine, versatile, well-hung, who likes a lot of sex (nothing too kinky) with the possibility of an intimate relationship. Call ★★7847.

Gilligan Seeking Skipper

Oakland phallic worship & jerk-off obsession Ritualistic dirty talk, J/O, mutual only with masculine aggressive GWM while partying/drinking/smoking (share costs) seeking other buddies. Not into shaved, videos, couples. Age, looks, size unimportant. What's important: (1) buddy-to-buddy scene (no top/bottom); (2) devotion to priapus; (3) late night (10 pm); (4) my place only. Call ★★7848.

Sweat Pours In Rivers

Into the valley formed between our hard hairy chests matted together as our powerful arms crush each other in a bone-crunching bearhug. I hoist you up, flip you over. We crash to the mat, chest-to-chest, crotch-to-crotch. I clamp on a headlock, your face buried in my smelly armpit. Your legs snap up, vise my head in a scissors... Hey! Wanna wrestle? Call ★★7849.

Short, Sweet And Courageous!

White male, 38, 5'6", 125 lbs., with long hair, seeks equally courageous man for mutual inspiration, support and fun! I don't smoke, drink alcohol or use drugs—I ask that you be free of these habits, too. I prefer a physically active man, of any race, 25-45, who is also into ballet, art, PBS, and outdoor excursions. Let's talk and become friends! Call ★★7850.

Pussy Boy Whores

Or hot young boys who want to be treated like whores, wanted by GWM, 33, Italian, good body (30"w, 40"c). Activities can include domination, verbal abuse, WS, 3-ways, groups. You must be hot, mid- to late-20s, and ready to please. Call ★★7851.

HIV+ White Males

Cute guy, 33, very long hair, bl/bl, 5'9", 160, cleanshaven, muscular, seeking guy same age or younger. Also lean muscular bi or straight. No drugs. You dig winners, value non-pushy real people, prefer the top, avoid convention, love ice cream before bed. The A-list: sex with abandon, foreplay, intelligent conversation, ego-boosting, cuddling, much more than any personal ad could ever reveal. Call ★★7852.

Wants It All!

HIV+, GWM, 40, 5'7", 135#, good-looking, well-built and extremely intelligent would like to meet someone with the same qualities. I'm asymptomatic but with less energy than previously. I'd still like to have that perfect relationship with my ideal someone. If you were a lover of classical music, well-read, and liked to hike in the woods, it would be great. I'd prefer a nonsmoker, but someone who does enjoy an occasional toke. Call ★★7853.

Daddy's Boy

Youthful fit good-looking blond blue-eyed daddy with trim beard, 5'11", 175 lbs., 40. Seeks tall boyish bottoms (over 5'8") under 32, with great legs. You're a very cute Asian or white man with a tight smooth sexy body. Watch daddy grow for you with magic pump. Safe sex only for healthy HIV+ top. I'm a fun-loving fellow looking for friendship—but open to more. Let's have fun! Call ★★7854.

Mentor Seeks Protege

Older GWM seeks GWM, 18-30, for unique personal relationship. I am fun, witty, big-hearted, easygoing, erudite, very successful, well-educated, well-traveled. Seek young, clean-cut protege, no drugs/smoking. Moderate drinking. Interested in the arts, classical music, opera, ballet, theater, travel, monogamous relationship; must truly be interested in older man. Must be HIV-, intelligent, a happy person and have a desire to achieve. Call ★★7855.

Dad Seeks Son

Super-nice man, 47, HIV-, blue-eyed blond seeks guy, 18 to 30, with fresh butt to have fun times with. If you need a man you will learn from, a man that will treat you better than other men you've met, then call or write me. Come to San Jose and spend weekends with me. Have fabulous pool and great gym. C.R., 751 Laurel St., #428, San Carlos 94070 or call ★★7856.

Sex Ad—J/O Only

I love jacking off with other guys. I'm looking for some J/O buddies, not perfect bodies. I'm 5'4", 125#, 32, br/bl, HIV- and have a nice 6" cut dick. Your age and dick size are unimportant as long as you like your dick and like jacking it off with a buddy. I'm a real easygoing, open-minded guy so if you're bi, straight, or if it's your first time with another man, that's great! If you want to get together and explore some jack-off fantasies, then send me a descriptive letter and I'll reply. Underwear? Videos? Safe, no pressure fun. Boxholder, PO Box 640883, SF 94164-0883.

Asian/Latin/All Races

Passionate body... and soul. ("A Higher Power"? Independent Christian?) Moderate and realistic: not far Right or Left. No heavy alcohol or drug dependency; casual & easygoing private type seeking more serious Partner or just friends with similar ideas and interests: Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Kierkegaard, Christmas, Chaplin, the Far Side, Looney Toons, light cheapthrill video, Kirk Cummings, ethnic food, music (Nat, Orbison, Mahalia, Sade, Tina, jazz, etc.) Exterior: I'm WM, 32, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking." Reply to: J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041. Letters preferred or call ★★7857.

I'm 18

And I must be crazy submitting a personal ad, but it was free so what the hell... take risks and experience, that's my motto. I'm a 5'11" slim model. I am looking for 18-23-year-olds for first time experiences and friendship. I love to play, massage and enjoy life with others. I am a sensitive artist who is curious about exploration. Call ★★7858.

No Attitudes Here!

Down-to-earth, easygoing, likeable, 26 y.o., 5'7", GAM, grad student, good-looking/cute, with a sense of humor, looking for someone with some similar traits for friendship/romance. I like theater, film, creativity, sensitivity and art. But you don't have to. If you're nice, under 34, and of any human race, let's talk. Goatees are great, but not essential. Call soon, I can't wait. Call ★★7859.

Shining Star

Did you see my friend in the film *Sex Is...*? The beautiful Black man who told the hilarious story about his apartment building catching on fire? Well, he really is a shining star: he's 38, stunning face, great body, eyes to melt, crazy sense of humor, but most of all, spirit. He doesn't have a "type," but it wouldn't hurt if you were as beautiful inside and out as he is. Call him. Call ★★7860.

Gimme Shelter

This charming city boy seeks boyfriend for urban adventures, country roads and general mischief. Me: homo WM (I'm over this queer vs. gay thing). 30, 5'11", 150, physically and mentally intact. You: 25-35, not overweight, alive. Influences: HST, Ravi Shankar, Wicca, things Indian, Generation X, Az, trees, gypsies, Buddha, Montana, UFO conspiracy, queer archetypes, L.A. weirdness, nude anything, Gandhi, synchronicity, desert nights, biotechnology, dharma, revolution, hemp, techno, Big Sur, wild horses, cinnamon and sage. Not into: stereotypes, booze, speed, clones, car phones, brunch. Let's go for a Green Tortoise trip. Reply PO Box 470941, SF 94147 or call ★★7861.

So You Want A Real Top?

100% Greek top, HIV-, 5'10", 155, brown/blue, with motorcycle and 2-man sleeping bag. No one-night stands! You must be relationship- and monogamy-orientated, masculine, attractive, and enjoy being Greek bottom indoors and in the woods. I say "thank you" in French (act./pass.) and am bright, conscious and considerate. I have enjoyed topping other so-called "tops" and straight men, and have interest only in masculine men; but a stable relationship requires you enjoy being my Greek bottom. Reply BT Box JY86B or call ★★7862.

Unconventional Professional

Attractive, trim, athletic swimmer's build. Small business owner. Art obsessed, creative, dry sense of humor, gentle and alive, late 30s, cute butt! Seeking peer interested in experimental art and music, flexible in nature, gym-toned but not cloned. Adventurous. Send letter/photo to Boxholder, #81, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★7863.

P., Math Teacher

In Berkeley. Me: Asian in sports jacket. We met at the Phoenix on June 14. We talked, but what happened? Then I saw you again last July 4. Would have talked with you, but you were with someone. If still interested and available, I'd like to know you more. Hope you had fun in Denver! Call ★★7864.

Looking For Mate/Wife

GBM, 36, 6'2", 187 lbs., HIV+, rebounding and reformatting from a 6 yr. relationship. I'm political, serious-minded, but I enjoy living life to its fullest extent. I enjoy deep conversations and doing sensible things. My best attributes: caring, honesty, and very supportive of my mate. Drawback: I'm a grad student, I work, and I smoke. You: GWM, 21-30, nonpretentious, relationship-oriented, submissive, down-to-earth, and employed or employable. Call ★★7865.

Seeking Dominant Man

38 y.o., GWM, masculine, athletic, nice body. Into verbal abuse, fetishes, body worship. Seeks straight-acting, relationship-oriented, dominant man. You also must be good-looking. I live in East Bay but commuting is not a problem. No phone sex. Call ★★7866.

Gorgeous, Loving, Athletic, Latin/Caucasian

Is what I am! Stats: 5'8", 27, 150 lbs., very muscular, frequent gym-goer, HIV+ healthy, serious into maintaining a healthy diet/lifestyle, ND, NS, pot etc. Am looking for someone equally good-looking with at least a gym-toned to muscular physique. Interests: health, movies, animals, environment, travel, fidelity/monogamy, spirituality. P.S. I've done some modeling, am looking for someone similar in looks. Thanks! Call ★★7867.

Confessions Of An Angelic Outlaw

I would like to indulge in the sins of the flesh. Stimulate my mind. Show expressions of my soul, and have a damn good time! Passionate QBM, 28 y.o., 150 lbs., 5'7", would like to meet together QM, 24-35 y.o., any race, for fun/poss. relationship. Love music, film, tattoos, piercings, good/bad boys, sex, politics, humor. You: anything in common. Check your head... then call me! Call ★★7868.

"You Must Change Your Life."

GWM, 42, 5'8", 135, brown hair/eyes, HIV-. Playful, attractive, sensual, affectionate; thoughtful, intelligent, perceptive. Socially, environmentally, cosmically progressive. Healthy and fit, I take/give imaginative joy in passionate, mutually protective lovemaking—including dancing; walking, hiking, cycling, reading (widely), writing, music (eclectic); performing arts; movies; anthropology; cosmology. Now pursuing a Ph.D. (clinical psychology), I welcome an emotionally mature, nonsmoking GM, 30-45, from the rainbow culture, who offers himself in abundance; someone who desires a permanent profoundly committed central relationship/adventure that could well include raising a child/children together. Reply BT Box JY87B or call ★★7869.

Attractive Graduate Student

28-year-old Filipino, 5'4", 145 lbs., cleanshaven. You may be 25-35 yrs. old, wholesome but not boring. My interests include Liza Minnelli's rendition of "Maybe This Time," Ross McElwee's documentary films, Mahler's Fifth Symphony (especially the Third Movement), Kids in the Hall, traveling (Jordan, Switzerland, Thailand, etc.), Ethiopian bread, Italian pasta, Ben and Jerry's Brazilian Rainforest Crunch... PO Box 9711, Palo Alto 94309 or call ★★7870.

Gentle Bear

Prof. Latin Male, 32, 6'3" and 260 lbs. I have many interests. I enjoy the outdoors, foreign films, plays, international cuisine and travel. I am a nonsmoker and light drinker. I am relative newcomer to SF and seek new friends to share some good times. Call ★★7871.

GWM Seeks GAM

Yes, I've been going to N'Touch too often but without a significant other it gets boring at home alone. I'm 5'9", 140#, HIV-, NS, 50-something (look younger) with eclectic interests looking for someone who is interested in more than one-night stands. Call ★★7872.

Principals Only!

Exceptional GWM, almost 30, 5'11", 145 lbs., brown/hazel & HIV- seeks another professional who is HIV-, also attractive, with a great personality and without an attitude. I value family and friends and would love to have another long-term relationship. Enjoy running, bicycling, cooking, collecting art and attending the Symphony. Let's do lunch and see what happens! PO Box 191391, SF 94119.

Free Your Mind

Handsome, masculine, Sagittarian, 28, GWM, 167#, energetic, gym-enthusiast, but busy with school/work. Love Sade, George, Anita, outdoors, volleyball, kissing a+, cafes, tired of the bar scene (hence the ad) and monogamy-minded. Looking for down-to-earth, mature GWM (but not restricted) into same interests and busy also. Let's see if we can find the time to get together. Call ★★7873.

Second Ad, Still Looking

A few responses the first time around; still looking for friendship. This chubby, red-haired, blue-eyed GWM, 32, is building a social circle of sincere, articulate, politically aware friends to share eves, weekends. Sex is definitely secondary. Mutual interests? Jazz, classical, film (foreign/drama), travel, languages, cooking. All races (Asian a plus), sizes, shapes, 28-40, please call ★★7874. Let's see if we can "connect."

GBM, 6'2", 195 lbs., Hershey-colored; attractive, intelligent, light smoker and drinker; workaholic, sincere; goal-oriented, masculine; works out but not obsessive; would like to meet GWM, 35-45, clean, intelligent and employed for fun times, good conversations, dates, etc. I'm a pretty regular guy, straight-acting, you be too; discreet also, not into gay scene. Call ★★7875.

Massage/Friendship

Friendly, sincere, 5'10", 165#, GWM is looking to exchange massages and possibly friendship. This 50ish professional likes the outdoors and spending quiet evenings with someone special sharing a meal & trading massages; likes opera, quiet jazz and classical music; likes to dance but still needs lessons in CW. You: 40+, sincere, fun-loving, race unimportant, slim to med. built, ND, NS. Exchange, PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★7876.

Peninsula

GWM, 40, 6', 170#, br/gr, attractive, healthy, independent, responsible, selective, still learning. Seeks GM for romantic relationship. Specific likes/dislikes not as important as basic values. Good chemistry is essential. Reply BT Box JY88B or call ★★7877.

Sex Ad

QWM loves to eat ass like nothing else. Clean and safe only, with dam or something like. I'm 40, nice-looking, cleanshaven, on the skinny side, and artsy with a sense of humor. You, for lack of a better description, like having your ass tongued every which way just for the fun of it. Call ★★7878.

Dealing With The August Fog

33 y.o. WM physician, 5'9", 155#, of Greek ancestry, transplanted New Yorker, intensely Eurocentric, classical music enthusiast, admittedly more concept- than reality-oriented (a cardinal sign of queerness), seeks other attractive, healthy, seronegative men within five years of my age for casual dating, weekend day trips out of the City, and other imaginative ways to deal with the chilly August nights... Reply BT Box JY89B.

Seeking A Part-Time Lover

A long-term relationship can be quite suffocating for a young Asian man like me: 22, interesting, cute, funny, intelligent, energetic and lovable. I want a part-time lover; half serious, half playful. If you're an all-American type of GWM, 18-33, handsome, intriguing, witty, in-shape, humorous and sexual. Reply to me instantly for an exciting and mischievous interview. Call ★★7879.

Yours, Mine, Ours

Looking for one man to spend rest of life with. A lofty goal but why not shoot for the stars? I'm attractive, very young 60, 5'8", 155#, brown/bald, short beard/moustache, HIV-. Enjoy home, music, good conversation, board games, reading, quiet times. You: mature, in-shape, nonsmoker. We're clean, honest, considerate, dependable, nice guys. All answered. Travel is no problem. Photo appreciated/returned. Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★7880.

The Parade Confirmed It!

I want to meet and romance a hairy, husky bear of a man. I saw a lot of you at the parade. Are you attracted to your opposite as I am? I'm tall, hot, attractive, together, HIV- and want to meet a refined bear for all types of times! Give me a call, we have nothing to lose! Please be a nonsmoker. Call ★★7881.

Lonely In SF

I'm a typical recovering New Yorker, 45 y.o., 5'7", NS, healthy (HIV-), financially independent, gym going, movie watching, music listening, metaphysically practicing, reform Jew. After four years in SF I still haven't found that special man to share my life. You are younger, vivacious, employed, erotic, honest and not afraid of a commitment. Understanding the "Far Side" is a definite plus. Are my standards unrealistic? Let me know! Call ★★7882.

Seeking Very Thin Asian

Sincere, handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 51 (look 30s), Jewish, professional, 5'9", 170, moustache. I don't smoke, or drink, I'm HIV-, work out regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel (I'm studying Thai). If you're a sincere person, why not give a call? Call ★★7883.

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5'8", 170 lbs., 46 y.o., with hairy muscular medium build, br/br, goatee, balding, HIV-. Wishes a functioning, lanky, reasonably firm-muscled, NS, cut, HIV-, late-20s-mid-30s, bookish aesthete for both physical and intellectual pursuits in non-hassling mode. I offer a decent body, an intriguing brain, a sense of humor, and a hot tub. Make me believe again! Call ★★7885.

Come And Get It

Fun, sexy, masculine, clean and sober, non-smoking, 38-year-old Caucasian musician, 5'10", 145#, HIV-, kinda hairy, short hair and beard; br/br, glasses, bright, passionate, playful, original and unafraid to feel, is looking to connect and willing to explore monogamy with a like-minded young guy. For more info. and/or a sneak preview, call ★★7886 or write to: Box-holder, PO Box 14413, SF 94114.

Occasional Fuck Buddy

Me: GWM, 27, br/br, highly educated and intelligent; hard, stocky body (5'10", 170 lbs); conservative/all-American looking, but progressive/feminist/green/socialist minded. You: GWM, 20-30, masculine, built, close-cropped hair. Us: hot, sweaty sex that isn't rushed. My friends would all tell you I'm a catch and a half; the problem is I have little time to look. Call ★★7887.

Bondage And Other Fun

You played at being tied up as a kid. You've explored other fantasies alone in the dark. You're ready to meet a strong, masculine guy who will take control, reveal your desires, discover your fantasies. I'm 34, tall, handsome, top; interested in our mutual trust and enjoyment. You're younger, smooth, any race (Asian a plus!) and want to be manhandled. Call! I'll take it from there! Call ★★7888.

Great Catch

So I've been told. This handsome GWM, 6'1", 175 lbs., with positive attributes; successful, educated professional enjoys the outdoors, travel, films, music, regular gym workouts and having fun. Would like to meet quality professional GWM, 32-42, who is NS, HIV-, 5'10" and taller, who is interested in developing long-term relationship; who can willingly show his feelings, take risks and have a well-balanced life. Call ★★7889.

Just Me

Not trying to be or impress anyone else. Living an urban lifestyle; attempting to maintain a sense of youthfulness and optimism while pursuing more "serious" professional goals. I'm a tall, lean, in-shape, fair, Anglo guy looking for a sexy, handsome, dark-featured (Latino perhaps!?) man interested in dating, friendship, sensual intimacy, companionship. Respect for privacy; sincerity, compassion, self-assurance are musts. My interests run the gamut—art, literature, food, gardening, hiking, other cultures, French kissing. Please have a hip edge (but not trend obsessed); be uninhibited, playful, romantic, grounded, curious, happy, easygoing, unafraid of affection, unique and open to the proverbial "love at first sight." Call ★★7890.

Touch Of Class

This sophisticated and somewhat refined, athletic Asian is seeking to meet a similar WM cultivated on the arts of human relationship and exploring our male sexuality through safe sex. We are cleanshaven, nonsmokers, physically active and fit, and have smooth, slender or muscular bodies. Enjoy multi-ethnic cultural arts and foods, workouts, camping, dancing, travel, films and KQED. Stats: 45, youthful (inward and outward), 5'9", 150, HIV-. Call ★★7891.

It Should Be Simple

To meet a regular, natural type masculine, independent, monogamous, affectionate boyfriend with a sense of humor. I'm just that. Mid-40s, HIV-, 6'1", 195#, brn/brn, cleanshaven, and considered attractive. Emotionally, financially and professionally stable. Am interested in meeting quality GWM/GAM for dating with long-term relationship as the goal. Make it simple—just answer. Call ★★7892.

Asians Are Tops With Me

GWM, 34, 5'7", 185 lbs., (bald) br/br, seeks GAM, 18-35, for friendship & fun. I love to suck & be fucked but can be versatile if you wish. Let me service you at my place. Reply to Boxholder, PO Box 423856, SF 94142 or call ★★7893.

Slim 18-19 Wanted By GWM, 53

Really nice, friendly, professional, 53, wants slim, 18-19, who looks like a young high school student, any race, inexperienced OK. No HIV, smoking, alcohol, drugs. Share being kind, honest, caring, understanding, respectful and fun-loving. I've my own apartment, car, job. I can help with schoolwork, English, computers, life. Gentle, expert massage. Love the way you want. Write PO Box 22181, SF 94122.

Black Man Wanted

39 y.o. professional, masculine GWM, 5'8", 160 lbs., HIV-, seeks masculine GBM, 30-45, for friendship and possible LTR. My interests include tennis, working out, Macintosh computers, hiking, cooking, reading and spending quiet evenings at home with friends. I'm masculine, very discreet and in pretty good shape. I'm interested in meeting someone who is honest, sincere, educated and/or professional, HIV- and in reasonable shape. You don't have to share all my interests. Give me a call and let's get together. Call ★★7894.

Asian Seeking A Few Good Men

Looking to meet 20s-30s GWM for fun, friendship and possible long-term relationship. Prefer honest, nurturing, physically fit, masculine, emotionally/financially stable, NS/ND men with good sense of humor. I am a professional GAM, mid-30s, 5'11", 170#, HIV-, smooth, attractive and gym-toned. Enjoy outdoors, biking, skiing, swimming, theater, movies, music, dining out, travel, kissing, cuddling, massage and romantic evenings. Call ★★7895.

Do You Got It Going On?

GBM, 25, 5'9". I am looking for a very hot masculine guy. If you are Mexican, Puerto Rican, Black, Hispanic or Italian and like to have a very hot good time, then call me. Safe sex only. Call ★★7896.

Euro Big Dick

Hot 'n hunky European guy, 29 years old, 5'10", 185 lbs., bald with blond beard and moustache. Looking for well-muscled bottoms with beards or moustaches who like great sex. Masculine only. Call ★★7897.

Broken Nose?

Seeking a G Latino amigo who has rough good looks but is really a softie inside. Appreciate humor, smarts, masculinity. If you're a fit, college-educated Mexican, Salvadoran, Nicaraguan, Puerto Rican, Cuban, 25-40, let me hear from you. I'm an East Coast Italian, good-looking, 32, 5'10", 165 lbs., black/brown, romantic, relationship-oriented. Enjoy movies, music, travel and would love a down-to-earth compadre to share good times with. Call ★★7898.

A Few Good Asian Men...

Is what I'm looking for. I am a handsome, 34 y.o., GWM, 5'8", 138 lbs., lean and well-defined, br/bl, fair-skinned, professional, HIV-, NS/ND, dislike bar scene. I would like to meet tall (over 5'10"), dark & handsome GAM, over 35 y.o., masculine, gym-toned (prefer medium build) for friendship/dating. Please be relationship-oriented, honest and HIV-. Thank you. Call ★★7899.

Sail On Now Voyager To Seek And Find

GWM, attractively cute young-looking 32, 5'10", 170, smooth face, brn/hzl, don't work out but interested. Seeking monogamous relationship. I'm bottom, passionate, romantic, intelligent, professional. Loyal and sense of humor. Many other fine qualities include cooking, entertainment, travel. Seeking attractive man who's taller, bigger and older than I; gentle, caring, romantic top not afraid of adventure, commitment or trying something new. Call ★★7900.

Some Say You're Goofy

'Cause you laugh a lot. I think your humor, intelligence and modesty make you a prince. Kind of like me, though I'm more nerdy than goofy. I love old books and strange food. I hate housework. I have great friends, but there's something missing. Your handsome company, maybe. I'm 40, 5'9", bald, furry, Jewish, cleanshaven, HIV-. I go wobbly for gentle, cleanshaven guys who hold hands at the movies and kiss so they feel it in Tuscaloosa. Reply BT Box JY90B or call ★★7901.

I Deserve You

We just haven't met yet. I like the way you enjoy hot sex all night and then giggle eating pancakes, watching cartoons w/me and the kid the next a.m. I like it that you're a man of color (so I don't have to explain). I like it that you want a partner and not a fling. I (GLM, 34, attractive, professional) look forward to your call. Call ★★7902.

Romantic Latino

Maybe I'm a dreamer, but also realistic. I love flowers and small details. Good-looking, nice, intelligent, sexy, 33 yrs. old, Latino, 6'1", lean gym-toned, nonsmoker, healthy HIV+. Seeking LTR with same age/older, attractive, masculine, intelligent, positive outlook, hairy a plus. You don't have to be an athlete or a genius, but I think it is nice to take care of your mind and your body. Call ★★7903.

Hot Clothing Fetish

I'm a very muscular, tall and trim GWM, 36, facial hair, secure and responsible—a pretty basic nice guy... and I love aggressive steamy sex with some or all of our clothing on. Major turn-ons include jockstraps, Levi 501's, tank-tops or T-shirts, Jockeys, leather, or anything that we can sweat in, get wet, cum on or rip or stretch around all of our various upper and lower erogenous zones. I can be a pretty physical guy sexually, and am primarily a top, however I am versaile and can be a total pig with wet sex. You should be early-30s to early-40s, and have a firm, in-shape body with weight proportioned to height. Pluses include moustaches, nonsmokers, consistent gym-goers, hot butts in Levi's, and level-headed, easygoing personalities that enjoy what SF and California have to offer. You may respond to this ad just for sex, or more if the chemistry & desire is there. However, if you are interested or intrigued... respond. This type of ad doesn't appear very often. Reply BT Box JY91B or call ★★7904.

Playing The Rating Game:

Looks: 8.2. Intelligence: 8.6. Common Sense: 4.0. Humor: 9.5. Sincerity: 9.8. Honesty: 9.3. Finances: 2.0. Emotional stability: 6.6. Perfect? No. Would I date me? Yes. Specifically, I'm a 32-year-old, brown-haired, blue-eyed, white male who stands barely over six feet tall, weighing 175; I'm a healthy, long-living HIV+, embarrassingly affectionate; I work out but (frustratingly), am not genetically inclined toward large musculature; very outdoorsy. I love tall, truly good-looking men who make an effort to stay in shape and who rate at least as high as myself on each of the listed categories. Call ★★7905.

Brainy Artsy Boy

GWM, mid-20s, 5'10", 155, attractive, coffee drinker, filmmaker, film-watcher (classics, indie, Euro); loves literature (Genet, Lorca, Winterson), music (jazz, techno, Smiths, Pixies), travel, art, and various other creative pursuits, seeks a similar conversation/erotic tangle partner for dating, dining, etc. No drugs! I am motivated, intelligent, honest. Photo (optional) and letter gets response. Reply BT Box JY92B or call ★★7906.

Hot Master Seeks Adventurous Boy

Erotic states beyond your imagination. My pleasure is in your mind. Respectful, committed, attractive, experienced top, 32, 5'10", 157 lbs., brown/brown, accepting applications for pleasure boy(s). Send letter with interests, experience and fantasy you want to come true. Write now to explore places you've never been before. PO Box 14593, SF 94114 or call ★★7907.

You're over 40 and overweight. Probably a redneck. If you're an ex-convict, that's good too. I'm over 40, slender and conscious. I ain't looking for no husband, OK? If you're somebody's husband, that's good, too. I'm looking for a good time. You too. Reply BT Box JY93B or call ★★7908.

Starved For Affection!

And looking for love. Pride week and the Film Festival were a turn-on, but a boyfriend was not in the picture. Had he (you) been there, my affections surely would not have gone unnoticed. I am an easygoing GWM, 41, blond, green eyes, 5'6", 150#, HIV+, fun-loving adventurer, searching for romance. I don't have a type, just be real, and easy on the eye. Call ★★7909.

Looking For Mr. Mt. Bike

Show me your favorite trails and I will show you mine! Call ★★7911.

I'm either five steps ahead or five behind after 24 years in this cruel, crazy, beautiful world. This city fascinates me as much as nature calms me. If I could, I'd meet Perry Farrell (we'll make great pets), Bob Marley (natural mystic) and Jeff Koons (fucking hilarious). I don't mind vegetarians but Consolidated! cracks me up. I'm tall and wanna meet guys 22-26 for a date or whatever. Call ★★7912.

Discreet Safe Sex Pals Wanted

Masculine, tanned, athletic build, handsome, HIV-, gay Pacific Islander, works out, jogs, respectable, friendly, sensitive, intelligent, professional, 28 y.o., 69" tall, 150 lbs. Seeks other good-looking HIV- men-boys, GWMs or GLMs, 18-25 y.o. for discreet weeknight sex dates. I am versatile, clean, safe. No romantic involvement desired. Seeking pleasure, experience, with mutual respect? Then let's talk. Reply BT Box JY94B or call ★★7913.

Are You Submissive?

Man, 48, 6 feet-plus, slim-solid, balding short hair, hairy chest, needs nonsmoking, HIV-, very slim, submissive/bottom, partner/bedmate/lover, any age. Permanent monogamy only. Call ★★7914.

Seeking Bald Buddy

I'm a GWM, 38, 6'2", 210#, red/brown, who would like to meet a man around my age who is bald or has very short hair. I am open to most scenes and have many interests. Call me. ★★7915.

Hot! Hot! Hot!

Hot Asian male, 27, 5'7", 140, tanned, smooth body. Looking for safe sex buddies, 18-35, hot only, versatile. Race unimportant, fun, easygoing, sensual a must. Leave message describing yourself and what you're into. Call ★★7916.

GWM Tops Wanted

Me: GAM, 40 y.o., 5'8", 140 lbs. You: GWM, top, hot, masculine, above 5'8". Aim: friendship and/or passionate male bonding. Call ★★7917.

Bare Feet

Muscular GWM, late 30s, into bare feet, seeks other(s) into same. If this is your scene (or you might be interested in trying it) call and let's talk. 3-ways OK, too. Call ★★7918.

Sensual Man

Has had enough sex and wants to connect spiritually. For me life is a spiritual quest which I'm just now grasping. I feel the time is right for me to connect with another man of like feelings. A man of passion who's not afraid to share his mind, soul and body. I am an erotic 40 y.o. artist and traveler; tall, tight build with red/blond coloring and a sprinkling of freckles, who enjoys bicycling and is an avid swimmer. I'm attracted to trim men of Mediterranean/Latin descent, age 35-45, versatile/bottom, HIV+. Call ★★7919.

I've Got The Time

Handsome, GWM, 37, 5'11", 175#, muscular, hairy, Italian, HIV+, healthy, Tom Selleck-ish, with striking green eyes, seeks attractive, trim, NS/ND, muscular men, 30-45, who are intelligent, humorous and adventurous. I like to travel, hike, ski, golf, two-step and enjoy outdoors. Prefer GWM with moustaches. If you have time on your hands for friendship, travel and maybe more, give a call. Call ★★7920.

Let's Go

Attractive 38 y.o. WM would like companion for outdoor exploration. Enjoy backpacking, day hikes in Marin, bicycling in GG Park, Yosemite, Anza Borego, Tahoe, Mendocino, Hot Springs, eclipses, theater, the Simpsons, politics, the Dead. I'm 6', 155 lbs., br/bl, HIV-, health care worker. Excellent cook/love to go out too. Somewhat biting sense of humor. Prefer someone under 45, masculine, weight proportionate. No piercings, cockrings or poppers, please. Tell me about yourself. Call ★★7921.

Sex Buddy

I'm a GWM, 6'5", 200#, 39 years old, brown/brown, looking for some fun. I have all the usual interests: the outdoors, arts, films, etc.... Sexually versatile. Let's get together. Call ★★7922.

Hot Chocolate Needs Whipped Cream Topping

GBM, tall, hairy, bearded, 30 y.o. bear, seeks sexually versatile GWM, 25-45, for late night encounters. Safe only; no drugs or kinky sex. Call ★★7923.

In Town Anew

Good-looking, intelligent, well-educated, articulate, intense yet fun, masculine, creative, versatile top Eurasian, 20s, nice, smooth body, HIV-, liberal, caring, sometimes wild but often spontaneous and unpredictable, yearns to meet attractive, sincere, emotionally successful men (under 35 (?), nonsmoking, any race, short/tall, blond/brunette) to share life's many pleasures: books, film, art, romantic places, music, dining out, beach walks, sports, long-lasting friendships, and passion. Call ★★7924.

Gild My Lily

Want to ramble in search of rare flowers and wander through crowded fiestas? Looking for independent, maturing GM (25-35) who's developing life interests. Common weeds (i.e. flakes, attitude queens) need not apply. Excite me with your passions. Let's ride our motorcycles to a good spot. Spontaneous poems condoned. Me: GWM, 25, 5'10", 150, HIV-, black hair. I'm told I'm attractive. Passionately optimistic, sometimes moody. Call ★★7925.

Just A Regular Guy

I'm a short, solid, sensual, hairy and cute WM. I'm looking for sensual pleasures and maybe even a friend. Bay Area native, well-maintained late-30s, HIV-, wide bright smile, intense eyes. Like me, you should have a well-developed chest that likes lots of attention, weight in proportion to height, love kissing, good personality: an equal. No pro ad answerers or addictive types, please. Call ★★7926.

Tie Me Up

Queer boy, 24, seeks experienced, imaginative and sleazy Eagle Scout to practice knot-tying on my body. I'm an anarcho-nerd with a pretty face and a dirty mind; novice to B/D. You are willing to train, playful and nasty. Come teach this boy a lesson. Call ★★7927.

Seeking Older Business Executive Type Men

Masculine, handsome, tall, bright, sensitive, 38, 6'2", 195 lbs.; brown hair/eyes. Olive skin, clean-cut, HIV-, finds older men, 45-65, who wear business suits & black shoes completely irresistible. Wingtips are the ultimate fantasy. Live in the South Bay but in San Francisco three days a week. I hope to hear from you. Call ★★7928.

Mean-Looking Latino

Is really just devilish, sweet, funny and horny. Seeks wild 20-something or early-30s boys to roll around with, pin to the floor, nibble, whisper in your ear words both sweet and spicy, kiss, sigh, suck and maybe fuck. Am top; never been fucked before, but ready to try with right guy. Slender, medium, kinda chubby lads all welcome. Me: 27, flat top, attractive face, amazing muscular legs, love handles and tummy, goatee, 5'11", large-framed, supremely succulent uncut cock, strong arms to hold you. Write and show off your turbo-charged imagination and picture. Try it, buddy, I'll write back. I like many types and many types have liked me. Reply BT Box JY95B or call ★★7929.

(Co-)Star Search

Smart 33 y.o. JM, funny, talented, sexy, with unconventional good looks (5'6", 145, br/br), uncommon mind and unclaimed heart, seeks a bright, passionate, original man to start something worth our while. If you're an accomplished, complicated, and committed person—28-40, healthy, attractive, versatile in mind and all things, and interested in a long run—there's a great co-starring role. No farce or melodrama, please. Call ★★7930.

I Don't Own A TV

I brush twice, floss once daily. Like sleeping with windows open and someone warm beside me. Miss having international news on the front pages. Eat nasturtiums on the hoof. Live seriously, but attend to fun. Prefer serenity to chaos. Fit, appealing GW artist (38, 6'4", 170, bl/bl, HIV-) seeks creative, kinda hunky GWM (34-42, 6'+, HIV, NS/ND) to explore possibilities. Call ★★7931.

Before, During And After

Do you enjoy the quiet closeness afterwards as much as the frisky fooling around before? GWM, 41, bright, musical, humorous, culturally Jewish, bald, hairy, 32w, HIV-, seeks assertive, young-looking white/Asian/Indian male for cuddling, conversation, and fooling around, (condomized oral welcome). We're NS/ND (light drinking okay), cleanshaven. Please write PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★7932. (English/Cantonese.)

Kinky Party Guy

GWM, 30s, muscular, looking for others into partying, fantasies, role-plays, 3-ways or small groups, toys, nasty fantasies, dominance/submission, humiliation. Let's get down and nasty together. Let me know your scene. All replies answered. Call ★★7933.

Handsome Catch

Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, moustache, seeks attractive masculine man for potential life-mate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and weekend outings. Prefer HIV-, NS, light/ND, great shape. You are youthful at least in outlook, have a good sense of humor, and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy pluses. Outdoors-oriented triple pluses. Call ★★7934.

Let's Start Something Good

GWM, 35, 6', 160, HIV-, seeks slender, stable, intelligent, HIV-, W or H male, under 40 who, like me, is an active person and enjoys wide variety of interests such as music, short weekend trips, dancing, cooking, dining out or entertaining. Prefer quiet, slightly shy, cuddly but lively guy, not submerged into gay scene, who is interested in friendship leading to possible monogamous relationship. Call ★★7935.

Healthy Bondage

Hot summer sweat and bondage. If you are 18-38 and want to experiment with bondage this summer, this 29-yr-old student wants to teach you. Lots of toys, safe, sane, secure sexual or not. Leather, iron, rubber or ropes. Asian, white, Latin or black. Your place or mine. No S/M or torture. You are relaxed, playful and have a serious interest in bondage. Let's play. Call ★★7936.

Penile Enlargement

Or lengthening. Have you tried it? I'd like to hear pros and cons. Tell me all about it as I'm a good candidate for doing it. Write me at Box 323, San Anselmo 94947 or call ★★7937.

Work Out With Weights?

GWM, 37, 6', 175, brown hair, moustache, moderately hairy, HIV-, works out 3 times/week with weights, seeking smooth-skinned GM for J/O who's 20s-early-30s and works out with weights. Into lots of body contact (skin on skin), cologne & deodorant-free armpits, and sweaty man-to-man make-out scene. Not looking for relationship or tobacco-smokers. Call ★★7938.

Warm Connection

Gorgeous, spirited, independent WM, 32, seeks unusual buddy (21-35) whose appeal comes as much from what radiates within as from what appears in the mirror. Looking for someone inner-directed, highly individualistic, who's comfortable dealing with both the vulnerable and confident aspects of himself (and others). You also have bright eyes, full lips, a cute butt, and are more attuned to the overall sensual connection with another than specific sexual demands. To pursue this be a sport and respond with photo (returned with exchange) to PO Box 20933, Oakland 94620.

Sleepless In Noe Valley

If you're tired of being used for a good time and giving until you're emotionally drained—(and)—have finally decided you will compromise, but not settle for less, then read on. I want a very good-looking/handsome GWM, 30-39, under 170 lbs.,

who wants someone equally attractive to complement each other and serious about having a true and faithful relationship with someone you can count on to stand by you. Sorry to admit it, but I've been burnt too many times. I am a wonderful catch for my special guy. I know you're out there and I'm missing you with all my heart. Let's end our search and count on each other. Time waits for no one. Reply BT Box JY96B or call ★★7939.

Handsome Scandinavian Seeks Relationship

Professional GWM, 44, stable, reliable, seeking monogamous relationship. I am 5'10", 155 lbs., NS, HIV-, with blue eyes, brown hair and a moustache. I would enjoy sharing my interests in classical music, good food/cooking, travel and the outdoors with a man who is masculine, down-to-earth, HIV-, 35-60, nonsmoker preferred. Facial and/or body hair, tall are pluses. Please write BT Box JY97B with a photo or call ★★7940.

Buddy Wanted

You: GAM, GLM or GWM, 21-45, height-weight proportional, HIV- and easygoing. Light drinking OK. Me: GWM, 32, 5'11", 160, blond/blue, HIV-, athletic and friendly. In an open relationship and looking for sexual friendship. Us: versatile, safe sex and anything else that provides mutual enjoyment. Call ★★7941.

Dark Irish-French

Me: dark hair, blue eyes, trim black beard, 6', 170 lbs., 38, muscular build, hairy chest, nice skin, big cock, solid legs; part-time spiritual seeker/part-time bon vivant; well-grounded, open-minded and humorous; varied pursuits range from adventure travel to martial arts. You: 25-45, handsome, romantic and spiritually awake; open to new experiences and not uptight about your beliefs. Reply BT Box JY98B or call ★★7942.

Ideal Man—Over 50

Perfect companion (sex, warmth, respect & challenge) retired architect, 58, 6', 185 lbs., dk hair & eyes, HIV-, French desc., health-oriented (own gym) seeks masculine friend age 35-60 with high ideals & character. Write BT Box JY99B or call ★★7943.

Eligible Bachelor

Classy, well-bred, sophisticated mid-30s Asian, has good looks, good taste and a well-defined, well-proportioned 5'6" nautibod, pays his own way, is looking for someone 28-42, honest and giving, who has the time, interest and means to enjoy the finer things in life. I'm fond of SF, classical music, art, theater, good food, traveling and people, their history, culture, stories, talents, actions and thoughts. Call ★★7944.

Afrocentric Euro-American

Seeks friends of African descent. I am a handsome Aries man, 6', 180 lbs. I am asymptomatic HIV+, and retired on disability, so am free during the day. I'm basically looking for friends but if there's a handsome Black man around my age & size I'd especially like to hear from you. Sense of humor and HIV+ are pluses. I'm honest and intelligent, kind of nerdy and other-centered (not co-dependent). Let's do lunch and a movie or breakfast and a matinee. Call ★★7945.

Politically Oriented

And mechanically inclined. 28-year-old WM, community activist and product designer/engineer, lean, 6'6", black hair, brown eyes, HIV-, sexually versatile, loves to dance, values honesty and responsibility, and loves thunderstorms, seeks a slightly adventurous Asian, Latino or white man, 24-34, who's had some relationship experience, and is bright, creative, talkative, tallish, lean, active, fit and out, to hold hands with in Safeway (someday). Call ★★7946.

"They Say You Can't Look—It Has To Just Happen"

Well, I suppose there's truth in that. But! No one says it's the law. I want to find you and help you find me. I'm tired of the phony smiles & hello how are yous that lead nowhere! I know you're looking for me too. So do something to end this for both of us. I'm here, 37, very handsome, 5'7", 162 lbs., GWM, Southerner through & through. I want you to be equally attractive, head full of hair, under 40 & seriously ready to meet the man you could have a lasting relationship with. I'm not gonna appear at your door! We probably won't ever meet passing down Castro! Or riding Muni! Don't you think it's time we both took a chance? I'm out here looking for you now. Will you hurry & call me so I can stop meeting all the wrong guys that're keeping us apart. This—my ad—could be the very one you've really wished it'd be. Reply BT Box JY100B or call ★★7947.

Sweet Summer Fun

July and August leave me with lots of time to explore the unknown. If you have lots of friends but are still seeking someone special. If you are around 30, WM, NS and like the great outdoors—beaches and mountains—love to dine in or out, and have an interest in meeting a refreshing person who is articulate, masculine, open-minded and affectionate, then this BM might be a great choice. I'm 40, 5'10", 180 and single seeking friendship and more. Reply BT Box JY101B or call ★★7948.

Porn Video Action

Let's get it on while watching your porno. Me: GWM, HIV+, 53, 6', 180#, NS, French A/P. You: under 5'10", smooth chest, any race. Call ★★7949.

Gay Family Values

Handsome GWM, 35, 5'8", 175 lbs., Italian, HIV-, sincere, nonpretentious, caring, affectionate professional. I work out 4 days a week. Seeking GWM, 29-40, with similar qualities. I enjoy movies, dining, entertaining, hiking, walks on beach, travel and cuddling together. I am a gay father, co-parenting with a friend a wonderful toddler. Looking for friendship, possible relationship. Send photos (will return). Reply BT Box JY102B or call ★★7950.

Positive Positive Positive

Bad virus. Good attitude. Firm opinions. Strong, healthy, three-piece office type by day, leatherman by night; 38, 5'11", 180#, w/red hair/beard, blue eyes, NS/ND, mostly top seeks furry, mature, libidinous pervert to share life's pleasures. I find sex easily; am looking for ongoing affection and possible commitment. Aside from lots of fucking, kissing, titplay, perineophagy and explorative S/M, I enjoy opera, RC mass, reading, cooking and movies on the VCR. Adventure is more exciting than similarity, so we may overlap or contrast in any number of ways. Send letter & photo to BT Box JY103B or call ★★7951.

Seeking Masculine 'Stached/Goateed J/O Buddy

Masculine, healthy GWM, 35, 5'9", 150, HIV-, dark short hair, moderately hairy, 'stache/goatee, seeks healthy, cologne- & deodorant-free, masculine, slender-average built dude with 'stache/goatee, mid-20s-mid-30s for man-to-man J/O. Into J/O in & out of 501s, leather, cock/ball/tit work. Not looking for relationship or tobacco-smokers. Call ★★7952.

Queer WM, 22, black hair/blue eyes, into coffee, trash movies, piercings, scars, cigarettes, vodka & sleazy bars, bored with one-night stands & mindless pretty boys, looking for friends & maybe more. Call ★★7953.

Outgoing Masculine Professional

Wants to meet clean-cut, bright, monogamous GWM for active fun-filled relationship. I'm handsome (will send photo), 6', 170# and a considerate, tender, versatile top. I enjoy balanced lifestyle and would appreciate a man of equal energy and diverse interests including the outdoors, athletics, fine and performing arts, duplicate bridge, travel, dining, friends and quiet evenings at home. I would like to meet a younger man (I'm early 50s, look early 40s, feel 30ish) who is stable and mature, yet fun-loving, humorous, healthy and a nonsmoker. Please be average height to tall with proportionate weight. You can reach me in Marin at PO Box 411, Kentfield 94914 or call ★★7954. Photo optional, but appreciated.

Partner Material

My ambitious career is developing solidly; am also activist in gay and Asian communities; Chinese, late-20s, 5'8", 140#, HIV-, fit. Very's: out, giving, supportive, compassionate, humorous, tender, handsome, social. Passions: art and music, movies, friends, food, travel, work. I'm ready to meet someone special, but it's so difficult to find the right one. Among your traits: GWM or GAM, 25-35, HIV-, strong of mind and character, loving, expressive, opinionated, physically and mentally healthy, sexual, wants to explore and share, has own life path to converge with mine. I'm a catch, aren't you? Let's see what happens. Reply BT Box JY104B or call ★★7955.

Handsome Asian Seeks Relationship

I'm tired of looking for love in all those dark, smoky places. Are you? I'm a healthy, HIV+ Asian, late-20s, black hair, brown eyes, cute, in-shape, athletic. Consider self to be fun, good listener, and an intimate friend. Occasionally witty. Interests include sports, movies, music, reading, coffee, the gym. Like to watch TV or go out for sweaty dancing. You are an attractive, in-shape GWM with a good head (on shoulders), 25-40, HIV (?), whose personality and interests are same. Must be affectionate, romantic and fun. Call ★★7956.

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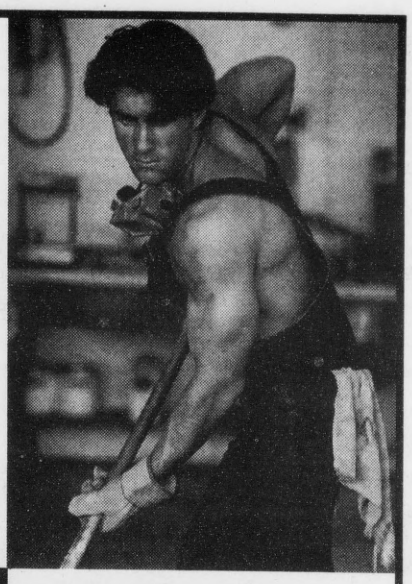

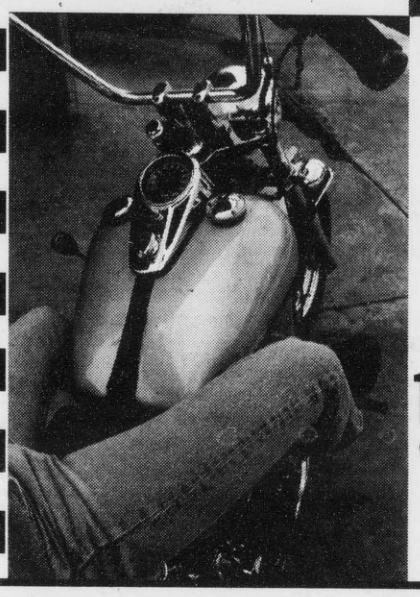

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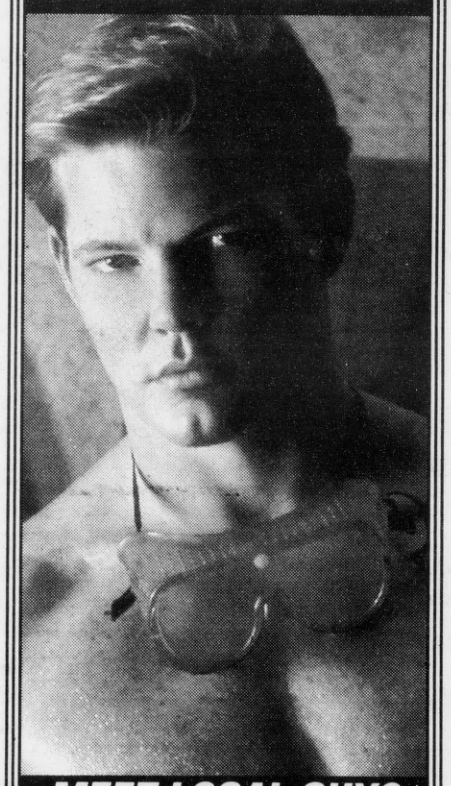

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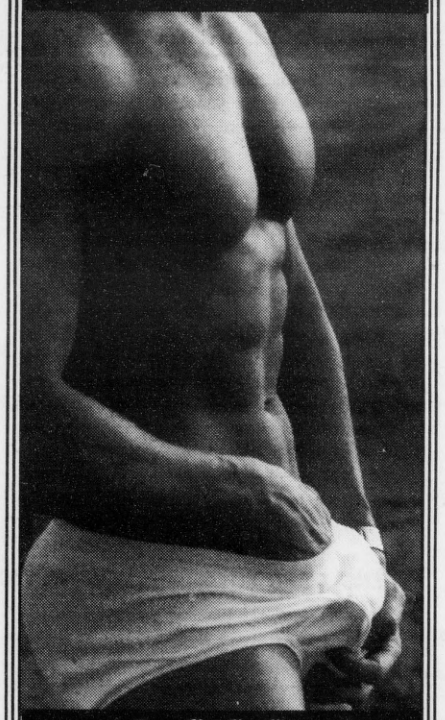

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cessful, compassionate, honest, masculine, handsome and loving then stop reading. If you lack the self-confidence to communicate and to build toward a life-long relationship then please skip to the next ad. If you have all the personality of wet cardboard or do not have a clue as to who you are or what is really important in life then kindly buy a dog. And please, have a job. I am a mature, multi-degreed professional GWM living in the City, who is 5'10", 160#, gym-toned, HIV-, NS, ND, light drinker, with moustache and S/P hair. In August I will be 50. I enjoy travel and a broad spectrum of cultural pursuits. A fireplace, good music and a warm and loving man is a wonderful combination. I appreciate someone who knows the joys of cuddling after great sex. Please respond with photo (returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 190907, SF 94119.

Romantic & Sincere

Nice-looking, 50, GWM, HIV-, nonsmoker, 5'8", 160. I'm personable, successful, sensitive, kind, loving & fun. Enjoy theater, movies, dining out and long walks with the right guy. If you're a GWM, 32-47 & like who you are (hairy a +), must like to cuddle, be honest and know how to communicate, let's check out the chemistry. Call ★★7957.

T-Shirt, Blue Jeans, Baseball Cap, 4X4

I'm just your basic guy-next-door type with above average looks and intelligence. I keep in shape by working out (3 + days a week), bicycling, hiking and snowboarding when in season. Stats: 28, 5'7", 150 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. I'm looking for a clean-cut, masculine, nonsmoking, drug-free, HIV- guy (like myself) between the ages of 25-30. I'd prefer a college graduate or student who is career- and relationship-oriented. Please reply: Boxholder, PO Box 190271, SF 94119 (photo exchange requested). Thanks!

Chemistry, Compatibility, Commitment

Eligible WM seeks special AM for old-fashioned romance, holding hands, dancing in the dark to slow jazz. I'm 41, 5'8", 145, trim, br/br, short beard, glasses, intellectual type. You're 30s-40s, my size, defined, smooth, cleanshaven. We're both attractive, masculine, full head of hair, active, fit, NS/LD, HIV-, preppyish, mature, self-sufficient, sensuous, versatile, monogamous, relationship-oriented. Value: good character, quality over quantity, balance of home life and outside adventures. Friendship, trust first. Call ★★7958.

Cute Seeks Cute

GWM, 36 y.o., 5'6", 140 lbs., HIV-, br/br, would like to meet similar GWM to age 37 for possible relationship. I'm not a knockout, just average and have been told a few times that I'm cute. Presently on vacation from a public school job and planning on finding another job soon. I enjoy dancing, historical/cultural research, and being affectionate with a special person. I prefer open, sociable types. Please NS, ND. Call ★★7959.

I'm 23

And I must be crazy submitting a personal ad, but what the hell since it's free! I'm 5'11", 145 lbs., tan, straight-acting, and very cute (at least that's what I hear every time I walk into a bar). And I'm fresh in the SF scene. OK. Mr. Right is between 18-26, quite a cute stud, straight-acting, masc. and clean-cut. I live in Contra Costa and the bottom line is you won't be disappointed. ND (pot excepted). Call ★★7960.

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How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

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How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through September 15. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

Time For A Boyfriend...

Yep, it's time once again for a boyfriend, which I think means one person, whom I like and who likes me, and with whom I share fun sex and other activities, not necessarily in that order. Activities might include reading, hiking, music, off-beat clubs, eating, travel, other stuff. We'd like each other since we're both intelligent, communicative, handsome, a few years either side of 35, attractive (did I say that already?), HIV-, tall, thoughtful, sensitive, secure but not complacent—although who knows why people like each other, maybe there's other reasons? I'm those things, though. If you be Mr. Right, please write right away, including a picture (of you) which I'll return if you send a return address. Thanks. Reply BT Box JY105B.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Worshipping your cock—orally, repeatedly and often—with verbal encouragement and directives from you. The essential and non-negotiable requirements of mine for you are that you are exercised, firm and fit, healthy and HIV-, and have the confidence, maturity and mental equipment to deal with me. If you are hairy, handsome, hung or humorous, so much the better. I am 40-something, tall, blond, handsome, very well-exercised, HIV-, smart and funny—and willing to explore with you sexual byways, the flavor of which might include dog collars, foot fetish, body worship, watersports, domination. Inquiries: Call ★★7961.

Rara Avis

Attractive, cerebral GWM seeks kindred spirits. This clean-cut, boyish, 38-year-old is looking for new friends, perhaps a boyfriend. I enjoy reading, hiking, natural food, NPR and quiet times with a sweet guy. Not interested in night-life, fashion or commercial TV. Politically leftist, but conservative in behavior (e.g. no drink/drugs). Attracted to cute faces, high IQs, athletic builds (especially cyclists) and cheerful dispositions. Turned off by tattoos, pliercings, pretension, hot tempers. Prefer no facial hair. I'm 5'10", 168, with brown hair, hazel eyes and nice muscles. Write, please; photo appreciated (Xerox OK): PO Box 190042, SF 94119.

Cuddling And Big Dick

Actually cuddling is more important. Cute GWM, 38, 5'10", 185, looking for man who is real, truthful, decent-looking, emotionally available, probably 30-45, 5'8" + (and has sizzle, balls and is hung at least OK). Have a lot to offer, in bed and out; can be on the deep side, look mainstream but don't think like it, but love to joke around, do outdoors stuff, do culture stuff, and of course cuddle (and give excellent head). Will consider all offers! (And turn some down, of course.) Mail: PO Box 161, Richmond 94807 or call ★★7962.

On Gay Pride Day...

We met on the line for falafels after the parade. You: an attractive WM, 5'11"-6', slender build with salt & pepper hair, approximately mid-30s. You wore a two-piece, peach-colored suit with hints of pale green stitch work and a pale green silk shirt partially open to reveal a gold chain along with a second strand of greenish-white beads. You wore it well and looked quite distinguished. You mentioned that the beads were "from your college days." You had a very fun and easygoing manner about you. As I got my food, I was hoping to continue our conversation and took a few steps back to wait for you, but a friend approached me. You turned, slightly surprised to see me, and with a smile said, "Hi." I guess you felt awkward upon noticing my friend and I, realizing the potential awkwardness of the situation, didn't react fast enough with introductions. You politely smiled and walked away. I was intrigued and quite interested in getting to know you better, therefore, I forward this message with the hopes that you (1) see this message; (2) recognize that it's you I'm writing to; and (3) feel comfortable enough to call. Call ★★7963.

How Do You Find...

Friendship or relationship in SF? I find it very difficult. It's so hard to get past the sex and really get to know someone. Isn't it time we do? A little about myself... I'm 29, handsome, br/bl, goatee, 5'11", 175#, affectionate, romantic, nice chest, work out, etc. I like to bowl, camping, movies, romantic nights. Looking for someone 25-40. Prefer photo to Boxholder M, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★7964.

Healthy Newly HIV +

Masculine, handsome, affectionate, romantic, sensitive. I work out. Looking for these qualities in a top. I'm 29, 5'11", br/bl & 170#. Relatively new to area & find it difficult meeting people. I like bowling, camping, going to movies, theater, concerts, dining out, kissing, cuddling. Looking for friendship, relaxing, etc. People say I have a sexy smile, pretty blue eyes, nice butt. Boxholder M, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★7965.

Looking For Quality Friendship

I am 29, good-looking, 5'11", 170#, very affectionate, romantic, etc. I find it hard finding friendship here. Would like to meet sincere, masculine, sensitive, caring, honest people to go to movies, theater, camping or just staying at home renting a video. I'm very healthy, HIV +. Life can be short. Let's have some fun! Prefer photo/letter. Boxholder M, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★7966.

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CAROLE MIGDEN

THE CITY'S BUDGET CRISIS

The City is struggling to solve an unprecedented $200 million budget deficit. As Chair of the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee, I am working hard to balance the books in ways that are fair and financially sound, and that protect the most vital government services — particularly health services.

Some politicians in City Hall see only the numbers in the budget and don't see the impact on people's lives. Afraid to offend powerful business interests, these politicians would rather dismantle programs that people must depend on rather than increase revenues. To resign ourselves to this policy is to shirk the City's responsibility to fight AIDS, mental illness, homelessness, crime and other serious problems.

Other politicians are content to grandstand, decrying budget cuts for publicity but doing little to generate more revenue or reduce costs. Clinics and libraries won't be kept open with rhetoric — they'll be saved only with money.

I believe it's time to get real.

My approach is to save money where we can without demolishing services and to generate more revenue in ways that distribute the burden fairly. I am sponsoring or supporting almost all of the Progressive Revenue Options identified by the Coalition for Public Health Services.

Here are some of the specific proposals I have been working to enact, and what they would raise each year:

- Extending quarter-cent and half-cent sales taxes that are due to expire: ***$66 million.***
- Raising the hotel tax paid by tourists one percent more than the mayor's proposal: ***$6 million.***
- Raising the utility tax by one-half percent more than the mayor's proposal: ***$3 million.***
- Creating a fire protection assessment: ***$20 million.***
- Supporting a transit assessment district for downtown property owners: ***$15 million or more.***
- Enacting a revenue alternative to the mayor's proposal to allow more condominium conversions: ***$2 million.***
- Protecting youth health services, including HIV services, by using unallocated Children's Fund dollars: ***$1 million.***
- Enhancing the tax collecting ability of the Assessor's Office.
- Restoring some of the funds Governor Wilson raided from local property tax revenues: ***$8 million.***

I also have been working to cut costs and increase efficiency in order to make more money available to save services. Here are some of my specific proposals:

- Foregoing raises for City employees not under binding, long-term contracts: ***$23 million.***
- Rejecting a 3-year contract for raises and increased fringe benefits: ***$140 million.***
- Allowing the City to reduce wage increases in fiscal emergencies: ***$60 million.***
- Restructuring management of Muni, water and power: ***$150 million in long-term capital costs.***
- Enacting cost-saving and revenue proposals suggested by City employees: ***$1 million or more.***
- Encouraging City employees to take voluntary time off: ***$6 million.***

You may not agree with each of these proposals, but I hope you agree that together they form a responsible, reasonable package to help keep San Francisco liveable. The money generated under this plan would allow public health clinics, General Hospital, AIDS agencies, rape and crisis counselors, mental health programs and drug treatment centers to continue serving people in need.

Powerful special interests are trying to defeat many of my proposals. So your support is critical. Make your views known by returning the coupon below.

With decisive leadership, courage and common sense, we *can* save services while making San Francisco's financial future brighter.

CAROLE MIGDEN *Chair, Board of Supervisors Budget Committee*

TO SUPERVISOR CAROLE MIGDEN:

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❒ My suggestions for improving City finances and services:

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